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GERMANY ACCEPTS LEAGUE INVITATION ON TWO CONDITIONS

BASIS OF EQUALITY ESSENTIAL

PEACE PROPOSALS MUST BE DISCUSSED

FLANDIN THREATENS TO LEAVE LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING

Berlin, To-day.

It is understood that Germany's reply is a qualified acceptance of the Council's invitation to attend the London meeting. It is understood that Germany's acceptance is subject to two conditions:—

- (1) That any discussions shall take place on a basis of equality;
- (2) That Locarno shall be discussed simultaneously with Herr Hitler's peace proposals.

The text of the German reply says that the German Government is on principle willing to accept the invitation, but starts from the assumption that its representative will be accorded the same rights in the discussions and decisions of the Council as those enjoyed by the representatives of the other Powers' Governments.

The action which has been the occasion of the summoning of the Council by the Belgian and French Governments does not consist merely in the restoration of German sovereignty of the Rhineland zone, but is bound up with comprehensive and concrete proposals to give a new assurance and peace in Europe.

The German Government regards the political action it has taken as a whole, the component parts of which cannot be separated from one another. For this reason the German Government can participate in the Council proceedings only if it is assured that the Powers concerned are prepared to enter into negotiations forthwith with regard to the German proposals.

M. Flandin has issued a statement to the effect that he would rather leave London and the League Council than discuss the second German condition.

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HITLER'S TERMS EXAMINED

"Exceedingly Clever" Reply

WEDGE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE?

London, To-day.

Diplomatic circles consider Herr Hitler's reply an exceedingly clever one, likely to embarrass the Locarno Powers. It is pointed out that Herr Hitler's second condition conflicts with the French stipulation that the evacuation of the Rhineland must take place before France will enter into discussion of Herr Hitler's proposals, and therefore touches the seat of the discord between the French and the British.

Although inclined towards conciliation it is expected that the Belgians will support the French to the hilt in taking the strong line.

The reply is regarded as disappointing in British circles, particularly as the British Government reinforced the Council's invitation by making a special appeal. It is felt that the situation has deteriorated as a result of the reply and instead of the advance hoped for, matters are back where they stood before the invitation was issued.

Difficulties are expected to arise regarding Herr Hitler's second condition when the matter is considered by the League Council to-day. British quarters express the opinion that there will not be any difficulty in accepting Germany's condition of equality, and unanimity on this point may possibly be reached.—Reuter.

PRINCE SERGE MIVIANI KILLED AT POLO

Delray Beach, Florida, to-day.—Prince Serge Miviani has been killed in a polo accident.—Reuter. It will be recalled that Prince Alexis Miviani, husband of the American heiress Barbara Hutton, was killed in a motor accident in Spain early last year.

FRENCH VIEWPOINT

M. FLANDIN'S SPEECH WELCOMED

COMPLICATED SITUATION

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

M. Flandin's speech at the League Council meeting on Saturday is unanimously welcomed as a clear and convincing exposition of the French point of view by the Paris Sunday papers, which also devote considerable space to the question whether Germany will accept the invitation to attend the League Council session in London to-day.

The *Echo de Paris* states that "Saturday marks an important turning point in the Locarno Powers' deliberations." Making a detailed comparison of the French and British points of view, the paper states that the latter makes a distinction between the juridical position and political expediency.

Should the British Government be able to induce France to take this view, it would be prepared to enter into a security pact with France and promise military support in the event of further "disappointments" at the French border.

Madame Tabouis, the foreign political correspondent of *l'Ouvre*, on the other hand takes the view that the situation in London is more complicated and difficult. If M. Flandin and M. Paul-Boncour had not put up such energetic resistance, she asserts, France would have been implicated in events in which the value of international law and the declarations of the French Government would have been destroyed.

Blaming England for the present crisis among the Locarno Powers, the correspondent states that, apart from M. Flandin's restrained speech, Saturday was very disappointing, since the impression prevailed that the League Council had been influenced by questions of political expediency.

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TOKYO REVOLT ECHO

British Journalist Released.

Tokyo, To-day.

Mr. Gerald Sampson was released on Saturday afternoon and immediately left for Kobe, the police having arranged his passage yesterday by the Nagasaki Maru for Shanghai.—Reuter.

A message dated February 28 said that Mr. Gerald Sampson, the author and journalist, who is a native of London and was believed to have been formerly private secretary of Mr. David Lloyd George, was arrested the previous evening. He was staying at the Imperial Hotel and was detained in a police station under a martial law charge of unduly spreading "anti-martial law feeling among the hotel guests.

JAPANESE IN FUKIEN

Alleged Dangerous Activities

Shanghai, To-day.

A Chinese press despatch states that the authorities in Fukien are very perturbed over the continued activities of Japanese unemployed and Formosans. It is stated that the number of the latter has recently increased to 16,000 in Amoy and 1,500 hundred in Foochow. They are alleged to be engaged in dangerous activities.—Reuter.

ing of the Central Savings Society, affiliated with the Central Bank. The Bankers' Acceptance House, sponsored by the joint Reserve Board and the Shanghai Bankers' Association, was also opened this morning.—Reuter.

ECONOMICS IN SHANGHAI

NEW INSTITUTIONS OPENED

Shanghai, To-day.

Dr. H. H. Kunz and the leading Chinese bankers attended the formal opening this morning.



The assassination of Wilhelm Gustloff, above, was fuel to the fire of Herr Adolf Hitler's oration at the Berlin funeral services to the slain German Nazi organizer, where the Chancellor delivered the bitterest anti-Jewish denunciation of his career.

MR. HU STILL UNDECIDED

Wants Assurances From Chiang

NO MORE CONCESSIONS

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Canton, To-day.

Being unsuccessful in inducing Mr. Hu Han-min to go to Nanking, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, former judge of the World Court, left here yesterday afternoon by train for Hong Kong and will sail from there for Shanghai on March 21 aboard the President Coolidge.

Dr. Wang declined to meet newspapermen yesterday but promised to see them at the railway station. He stated that no tangible result was achieved here and that Mr. Hu Han-min would remain in Canton until the cold weather in Nanking is over.

It is learned that Mr. Hu Han-min wants assurances from General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan, that he would not make further concessions to Japan. If General Chiang cables his acceptance to Dr. Wang, it is possible that he will return here to resume his mission.

Meanwhile, a representative of General Sung Cheh-yuan, Chairman of the Hopei-Chahar Political Council, has arrived here to see Mr. Hu Han-min, who recently sent an agent to Peiping to see General Sung. As Canton and Peiping enjoy special administrative status, the exchange of representatives is of political importance.

COL. LINDBERGH FOR ITALY

Villa In Alassio Rented

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Colonel Lindbergh, who has hitherto been in England since he decided on his voluntary exile to Europe, will spend the coming summer with his wife and child in Italy, where he has rented the Villa Imperiale in Alassio.—Trans-Ocean Service.

"LUDENDORFF STREET" NAMED IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.—In order to mark the first anniversary of the introduction of conscription and also to honour the General, the German Government has re-named one of the streets of the capital "Ludendorff Street."—Trans-Ocean Service.



The body of Father Damien de Venetia, the "Leprosy Priest," who gave his life in 1889 among the lepers of the Molokai colony in the Hawaiian Islands, is blessed by Archbishop Mitty at San Francisco on its arrival en route to France for burial and possible canonization.

ITALIAN BOMBING PLANE SHOT DOWN

TACTICAL ERROR BY RAS MULUGHETA ADMITTED

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The former Abyssinian Minister to Rome, M. Jesus Afework, is stated to be on his way to Geneva on an important mission. Prior to his departure, he conferred at length with the Emperor at headquarters, but nothing transpires concerning the nature of his mission.

FRANCE'S EASTERN FORTIFICATIONS

Army Committee Of Chamber Satisfied

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The members of the deputation from the Army Committee of the Chamber, who returned to Paris yesterday from a tour of inspection along the French Eastern frontier fortifications, known as the "Maginot Line," expressed themselves as highly satisfied with what they had seen, and were particularly impressed by the fortifications on the right bank of the Mosel.—Trans-Ocean Service.

N.Y. STRIKE ENDED

LIFTMEN TO BE REINSTATED

New York, To-day.

The fortnight's strike of liftmen and other building service employees has ended. The employers have agreed to reinstate the strikers, while the union has abandoned its demand that only members of the union shall be employed. The wages and conditions of the workers will be settled later by arbitration.—Reuter.

H.M.S. GRIMSBY LEAVES

H.M.S. Grimsby left the Colony yesterday for Shanghai, where she will remain for about a month.

The Japanese gunboat, *Saga*, returned to Canton this morning after a short stay here.

TRIBUTE TO BEATTY

The flags on all His Majesty's ships in harbour to-day are being flown at half-mast, on the occasion of the funeral of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Beatty.

BRITISH VITAL STATISTICS

MORTALITY RATES EXAMINED

LOWEST IN SUBURBAN CENTRES

London, To-day.

The Registrar-General has published a report by the Government Actuary on the mortality experience of England and Wales in 1930, 1931 and 1932, which by examination of the rates of mortality at individual ages shows a great improvement in the vitality of the people which has taken place at all but the most advanced ages.

An investigation of mortality experience, with reference to geographical situation, reveals that the London suburban areas are subject to a much lighter death rate than the country as a whole in respect of both sexes. It is found, in fact, when the figures are compared with those for other urban areas, that the outer ring of London is conspicuous for the lightness of its death rates over the whole span of life.—British Wireless Service.

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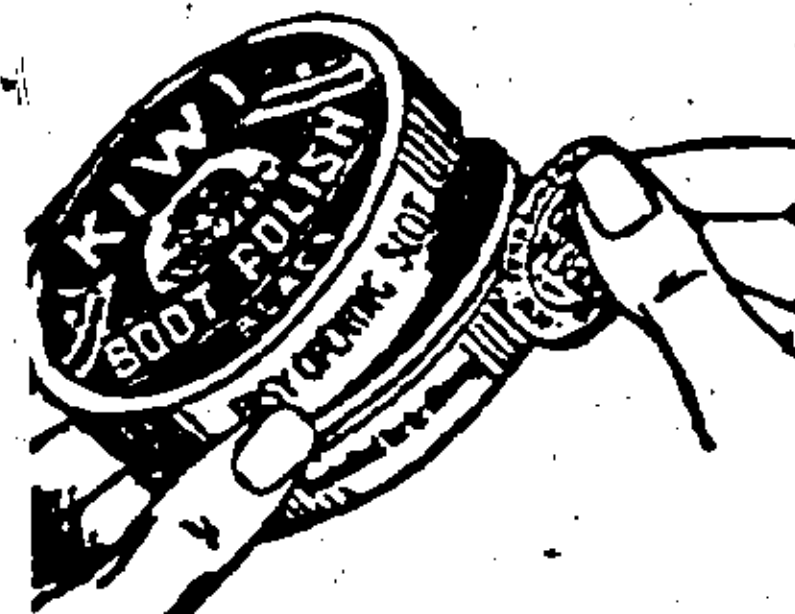
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Jacobean Room, 1st floor, Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong Kong on FRIDAY, 27th March 1936 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended December 31st 1935; Electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1936.

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A scene from "Real Solace," a United Artists production, which will be coming soon to the King's Theatre.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"RIFFRAFF"—KING'S THEATRE

Autumn fogs that swirl about the Southern California waterfront during the morning hours and sometimes are not dissipated until mid-day were not allowed to interfere with this production, starring Jean Harlow with Spencer Tracy.

So the waterfront was moved into studio!

The unusual feature is accentuated by the fact that scenes were filmed actually at the waterfront whenever the weather permitted. But when the autumn fogs came in the company moved into the studio and continued work in exactly the same setting.

In "Riffraff" Joseph Calleia, appears as one of the reckless deep-sea men of the Pacific tuna fleet, hard as a marlin-spike and relentless enemy of Spencer Tracy in savage competition for the love of Jean Harlow. It is a virile story of a life that the world is unfamiliar with, and Calleia is cast in a role that gives him every opportunity to display his talent.

"Riffraff" directed by J. Walter Ruben, teams Miss Harlow and Tracy for the first time. With them is a notable cast headed by Una Merkel and Joseph Calleia, and including Victor Kilian, Mickey Rooney, J. Farrell MacDonald, Roger Imhof, Juanita Quigley, Paul Hurst, Vince Barnett, Dorothy Appleby and Judith Wood.

"THE BRIDE COMES HOME"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

The story of a modern girl with a super-charged temper who meets and loves a man who prefers fighting to eating is brought to the screen in this picture, with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray in the featured roles.

It is a thoroughly amusing story, skillfully presented and possesses a definite appeal to all married couples! The spectacle of a young woman and a young man who disagree on everything, but who manage in their impetuous way to work out their heavy problems, would be difficult to present without being entertaining.

The picture has an excellent cast. Miss Colbert is superb as the society girl whose father has lost all his money and who decides to go to work while MacMurray is ground as the hard-boiled newspaperman who turns magazine editor and has Miss Colbert as his assistant.

Though they battle from the moment of their meeting, the magnetic force of love brings them to the threshold of marriage, with a jilted playboy millionaire, Robert Young, left sulking in the corner.

"TOP HAT"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers introduce a new way of telling a screen love story. In this lavishly produced musical comedy practically all their love scenes in the picture are song and dance numbers.

London, England and Italy are the locales for the story and the picturesque backgrounds add to the romantic flavour. The feature dance of the picture, the "Pico-line," is done on especially colourful settings where canals, gondolas and bridges add to the appeal and to the thrill of the music.

Helen Broderick, Edward Everett Horton, Erik Rhodes and Eric Blare are also in the cast.

CAR ACCIDENT ACTION

Traveller Liable, Not Firm

IMPORTANT POINT OF LAW

An important point of motoring law was decided by Mr. Justice Lewis in the King's Bench Division last month in an action for damages brought by Thomas James Egginton and his wife, Mrs. Ada Egginton, both of Shaftesbury-road, N., against Leslie Alfred Reader, commercial traveller, of York-square, Stepney, E., and B. and A. Gowns Ltd., of High-street, Aldgate.

On October 12, 1934, Mrs. Egginton was knocked down in Stroud Green-road, N., by a car driven by Mr. Reader in which were samples of B. and A. Gowns Ltd. It was stated that originally the action was started against Mr. Reader alone.

Mr. Justice Lewis said he was satisfied that the injuries to Mrs. Egginton were caused by the negligence of Mr. Reader. A more difficult question arose regarding the position of the firm. Mr. Reader was driving his own car and received £1 a week for its upkeep and 6 per cent. commission on all goods sold by him.

No Control

The evidence showed they had no control over the customers Mr. Reader called upon, and, indeed, Mr. Reader himself had said that he might refuse to call on a customer suggested by them.

In those circumstances, said the judge, Mr. Reader was not their servant or agent or, at least, not to such an extent as to make them responsible.

Judgment was accordingly entered for B. and A. Gowns Ltd. Against Reader judgment was entered for a total of £540, with costs.

"ESCAPE FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

A powerful and ironical drama, this picture shows life in the raw—a desperate battle for life which no man wanted without love! It tells of the daring escape of two men across a shark-filled sea and death-infested jungle—for a woman only one could have! It describes with stark and honest vividness the tortured loneliness of the Devil's Island convicts—a legion of lost souls condemned to a living death!

It is a story of lost souls doomed to the blistering hell-hole of Devil's Island, where life is cheaper than a smoke, and escape is a madman's dream! It is the tale of hopeless yearning for France, for freedom—and the fond carresses of a woman's arms.

Produced by Columbia from a story by Fred De Gresac under the direction of Albert Rogell, "Escape From Devil's Island" features a large cast headed by Victory Jory, Florence Rice and Norman Roster.

"PRINCE CHARMING"—STAR THEATRE

Excellent musical entertainment is offered in this picture, in which Evelyn Laye appears in the principal role. It is a light and bright story of a revolution, a marriage and a proper mix-up, acted with spirit.

Evelyn Laye's singing is an outstanding feature of the film. Yvonne Arnaud and George Grossmith are responsible for the light-heartedness and Max Miller fills the comedy situations with amusing dialogue and great vigour. Hare Wilton is also one of the actors.

BRIDGE NOTES

Adverse Trump Length Fails
By Ely Culbertson

Even when declarer has only four trumps and one of his opponents has five, it is sometimes possible not to lose a trick in the trump suit. The particular method by which this end is attained was employed to good purpose by the declarer in a Grand Slam contract on the deal below:

West: Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

S. K. J.
H. A. Q. 2
D. A. 10 7 3
C. A. K. 6 5
S. Q. 7
H. 7 6 5 4 3 W. E. H. 10
D. J. 5 4 2 S. D. Q. 8
C. 8 4 S. A. 10 9 6 4
H. A. J. 9 8
D. K. 9 6
C. 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 C	Pass	1 S
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 H
Pass	4 H	Pass	6 H
Pass	7 H	Pass	Pass

The final Grand Slam contract was not quite sound, particularly with the reduced Grand Slam bonus now in effect. South became a trifle too ambitious because of North's two notrump rebid and North can hardly be blamed for bidding seven after South had jumped to six. South should have made a Slam try by bidding only five hearts, leaving it to North to close the bidding at six.

West opened a heart, dummy played the deuce and East's ten was won by South's Jack. Establishment of the spade suit, being necessary, South next led to the King of spades and returned the Jack, on which the fall of West's Queen caused South's entire spade suit to be established. There now remained only the problem of drawing trumps. South feared West might have had five trumps because otherwise East might have withheld the ten on the first trick. But if West also held four diamonds, there was a possibility of cross-ruffing with the high trumps.

First two clubs were cashed, a diamond being played on one of them. The Ace of diamonds was next led. Next the Queen of hearts was played and when East failed to follow suit, South overtook with the King and began to cash his spades. The ten and nine allowed him to discard two of dummy's diamonds. On these tricks West was powerless to even make things difficult for South; if West ruffed, dummy's Ace would overruff and South would re-enter his hand with the King of diamonds, draw two more rounds of trumps and cash his spades for the last tricks.

West decided, while South was cashing the spades, to discard diamonds. On the ten and nine of spades, West threw two diamonds and dummy also threw two diamonds. Each had one diamond left at this point, and South now led his last spade, the six. If West threw the diamond, dummy's last diamond would be discarded, the King of diamonds would be ruffed with the Ace of trumps, and the last two tricks would be won by South's trumps. Of course, if West ruffed, he would still have a diamond and could not prevent South's re-entering his hand with the King of diamonds to cash the two high hearts at the end.

360 ROAD-SIGNS IN FOUR MILES!

Worthing's Solution Of A Problem

An order by the Minister of Transport to de-restrict five main roads in Worthing has caused an unusual situation.

The roads are obviously in built-up areas, and the Council were anxious to maintain the 30-mile-an-hour speed limit.

The result is that the Council will erect 360 de-restriction signs. But the total mileage of the roads concerned is only just over four. This works out at one sign to every 22 yards.



Kay Francis and George Brent are in the Warner Bros. production, "The Goose and the Gander," which will soon be coming to the Queen's Theatre.

BAD MENTAL HEALTH

Causes All Ills Of World

LORD ALLEN'S OPINION

London.—Bad mental health "on the part of all concerned" was blamed for many of the troubles which confront the world by Lord Allen of Hurtwood, speaking at a conference here on Mental Health. The conference was arranged by the National Council for Mental Hygiene.

Lord Allen, who is chairman of the Executive of the Home and School Council of Great Britain, said that what was needed in this age of power and knowledge was "an outbreak of gentleness." "If you watch Signor Mussolini struggling to achieve his ends," he said, "or the victorious Allies refusing in the post-war years to give Germany her due, or frustrated Germany herself now pursuing unhappy policies, you will see in each case not some problem inherently difficult of solution, but statesmen showing signs of mental ill-health."

Mystical Cult
"Modern nations have been driven forward to policies, both unnecessary and evil, by nothing more nor less than bad mental health on the part of all concerned—the victorious and the vanquished. Italy is to-day being impelled by nothing more nor less than a mystical cult."

All this revealed an urgent need for attending to the health of the modern citizen, especially where international affairs were concerned, added Lord Allen. Otherwise they might neglect, misuse or even destroy the new machinery of law and international good conduct.

Exploited
If modern citizens continued to keep up old-fashioned habits in a new-fashioned world, then they would either be tripped up in the complicated machinery of the modern world, placing too great a burden upon universal franchise, or they would be disciplined and exploited by modern dictators.

"The new citizen will need to know simply and sanely about the problems of sex so that he may become fit to understand Article 16 and Article 19 of the Covenant of the League of Nations," declared Lord Allen.

"To know how to think sensibly about our bodies so that we love more generously and with more intelligent control, may help to save us from persecuting the Jews, invading Ethiopia, or sending Black and Tans to Ireland."

Evils Of Treaty
"The evils of the Treaty of Versailles may perhaps have been due not only to what happened in the mirrored hall of a French palace, but to life in an ill-ventilated nursery, ruled over by a tired nurse, visited by a pre-occupied father, or brooded over by a too-loving mother."

Dr. William Brown, Wilde Reader in Mental Philosophy, University of Oxford, discussed the question of psychology in international relations, and said that he was convinced that the latest war was not the last.

Not Pessimistic
"In saying this I do not mean to be pessimistic," he said. "I am merely speaking as I would about a manic-depressive patient who

RADIO
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.S.)

RELAY OF FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE LORD BEATTY

7.30 p.m.—Light Opera and Musical Comedy.

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.30 p.m.—European Programme.

5.45 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7.10 p.m.—Light Opera and Musical Comedy.

Vocal Gems—Lily of Killarney.

Selection—The Land of Smiles.

Vocal Gems—Music in the Air.

Selection Stars—Singing Stars.

7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Selection of Cappy Melodies by "The Harmony Boys."

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme Broadcast from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05-10 p.m.—"Elegie" (Massenet) sung by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).

8.10-8.30 p.m. (Approx.)—A Relay from Deventry.

A Relay of the Service at the Funeral of the late Admiral Lord Beatty from St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

8.30-8.45 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Fritz Kreisler.

1. Thais—Meditation (Massenet).

2. Tambourin Chinois, Op. 3 (Kreidler).

3. Humoresque, Op. 101, No. 7 (Dvorak).

4. Caprice Viennois (Kreisler).

8.47-9 p.m.—A Recital by Elsie Solisty (Soprano).

1. Cradle Song (Schubert).

2. Faith in Spring (Schubert).

3. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn).

4. The Prayer to our Lady (Ford).

8.515 p.m.—A Relay of the Deventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-9.32 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

A Thousand and One Nights (G. Strauss).

Moonlight on the Altar (Fetras).

Siren of the Ball (Lehar).

9.32-10 p.m.—Variety.

Songs—Moon for Sale.

Thanks a Million—Robert Ashley (Tenor).

Piano Medley—Gerry Moore.

Songs—Me and My Dog ("Public Nuisance No. 1").

Swing ("Public Nuisance No. 1")—Frances Day.

Fox-Trots—The Tea Doll's Parade.

You were there ("To-night at 8.30").

The Family Album ("To-night at 8.30").

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Close Down.



Sporting Page



SOUTH CHINA "A" RECORD FOURTH SUCCESS IN SENIOR SHIELD



Lee Kwok-wai, above, the South China "A" left-half, gave a fine performance against the Police in the Senior Shield final yesterday at the Valley.

VERDICTS

South China "A's" Decline

AMAZING WEEK-END OF UPSETS

Kowloon's sensational win over South China "A", the East Lancs. win over South China "B", the Athletic's victory over the Navy and Stonecutters' amazing draw against the Rifles provided the outstanding features of Saturday's First Division League soccer programme.

Kowloon's encounter with South China "A" is described as the most disgraceful soccer match seen in the last quarter of a century in the Colony—I do not disagree, and the less said about it the better.

Campbell's Absence

Stonecutters must be congratulated on their magnificent effort in holding the powerful formidable Rifles' combination at bay. No doubt Campbell's absence from the Rifles' pivot position had much to do with this.

Gunner's Stars

Hall, the Gunners' goalkeeper, and Oliver, their centre-half, were outstanding and between them saved the game for Stonecutters.

Those Absentees

The absence of the Gosano brothers, "A. V. and Bertie," and of the Marques brothers "R. and V." had much to do with the loss of speed in the Recreio's display against the Club on Saturday.

The Highlights

The Alves brothers' performance on the left-wing, the brilliant goalkeeping of Fernandes and Beltrao's poor display in the pivotal position, were the highlights of the game. The slow tackling of the Recreio backs also contributed towards their downfall.

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ARMY HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Army in their Triangular Hockey Tournament match against the Royal Navy on the Marina ground next Wednesday at 4.30 p.m.:

Spr. Howlett; Bds. Cox and Kisher Singh; Spr. Brown, Lieut. J. P. Williams and Alf Din; Khuda Bux, Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, Mohd. Afzar, Lieut. E. M. Dawson and Lal Singh.



N. Beltrao, above, the Recreio's centre-half, was fully extended against the Club on Saturday, when he practically worked himself to a standstill.

"Y" LADIES RETAIN THE PEARCE CUP

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY MISS A. FOWLER

MISS O. DALZIEL'S WINNING GOAL

(By "Sticks")

THRILLING hockey was witnessed at King's Park yesterday morning when the "Y" Ladies retained the Pearce Senior Seven-A-Side Hockey Cup by beating the Central British Association Ladies by an only goal, scored in the second half by Miss O. Dalziel, after a brilliant solo effort.

The outstanding player was undoubtedly Miss Anne Fowler, the "Y's" goal-kicking full-back, who saved her charge on five separate occasions when Miss Marie Smith had broken through on her own.

Miss Marie Smith was head and shoulders the best forward on display and gave the many spectators present an early thrill when she broke away on her own to send in a terrific shot from the right, which Miss Fowler just kicked clear.

SCHOOLGIRLS WIN KNILL CUP FOR FIRST TIME

MCCAW SISTERS IN LIMELIGHT

C.B.A. LADIES LACKING IN COHESION

(By "Sticks")

The Central British Schoolgirls deservedly won the Knill Junior Seven-A-Side hockey trophy yesterday morning, when they defeated the Central British Association Ladies' Junior side by the only goal of the match, netted by Miss A. Martin towards the end of the opening half.

The game was very keenly contested and Miss E. Best shone in the C.B.A. defence, hitting and kicking clear time and again. Had she received more support from her colleagues, the goal which won the match would never have been scored, but as it was she was up against three of the visiting forwards when Miss Martin scored. There was something lacking in the C.B.A. attack and neither Miss Peters, on the right-wing, nor Miss Hunt on the left, could make much progress without losing the ball, while Miss P. Woolley was no match for Miss M. McCaw.

Brilliant Spelling

The McCaw family were in the picture for a second time when Miss D. McCaw, on the C.B.S. right-wing, continually threatened danger to the C.B.A. goal, while her sister, in the intermediate line, repeatedly out-hit her opponents, her spelling rivalling that of some of the Colony's senior players.

Play opened at a very fast pace and within the first two minutes the Schoolgirls were bearing down on the C.B.A. goal, but slowness in the circle lost them several scoring opportunities, which had been taken would have given them victory by at least five clear goals!

Eventually the Schoolgirls swarmed round their opponents' charge for Miss A. Martin to net the winning goal with a "daisy-cutter," there being no further scoring in the second half.

C.B.S.—Miss E. Martin and Miss J. Humphrey; Miss M. McCaw and Miss C. Bone; Miss M. Booker, Miss A. Martin and Miss D. McCaw.

C.B.A. Ladies—Miss E. Best and Miss R. Best; Miss D. Moss and Miss P. Everest; Miss O. Peters, Miss P. Woolley and Miss D. Hunt.

ARGONAUTS WIN

In the Mamak Hockey Tournament yesterday, the Argonauts beat the St. Andrew's Hockey Club by four clear goals, the scorers being F. Xavier, A. G. Xavier, A. Angelo and A. S. Xavier.

E. F. Fincher, the Saints' centre-forward, was injured and had to leave the field.



Miss A. Fowler, above, the "Y" Ladies goal-kicking full-back, was the heroine of yesterday's successful match against the C.B.A. Ladies in the final of the Pearce Cup Seven-A-Side hockey competition.

Saturday's Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION	
ATHLETIC	3
NAVY	1
CLUB	3
RECREIO	0
EAST LANC.	3
S. CHINA "A"	0
KOWLOON	3
R.A. STERS.	0
RIFLES	3
S. CHINA	0
FUSILIERS	1
CLUB	0
R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.	1
NAVY	2
RADIO	0
RECREIO	2
RIFLES	1
SECOND DIVISION	
C. POLICE	1
ENGINEERS	2
ST. JOSEPH'S	1
FUSILIERS	7
RAILWAY	0

Yesterday's Results At A Glance

SENIOR SHIELD — FINAL	S. CHINA "A" 2	POLICE 1
JUNIOR SHIELD — FINAL	ENGINEERS 3	EAST LANC. 1

JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Kitchell Wins I.R.C. Title From Suffiad

A. R. Kitchell, the I.R.C. first eleven batsman, won the I.R.C. junior tennis championship yesterday when he beat A. R. Suffiad in the final by 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

The standard of play, however, was not very high as both players showed little initiative and depended too much on his opponent's mistakes.

TRIAL FOR W. C. CHOY

W. C. Choy, the Cambridge tennis Blue, is now in Shanghai, where the Chinese Davis Cup Selection Committee are making arrangements to give him a trial for a position in China's team at either third or fourth string. No dates, however, have yet been announced for the trials.

AZUMA'S YACHTING WIN

The re-sail of the fifth of the Championship series for "W" Class yachts and cruisers was held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday when Mr. E. B. Lambert won the cruiser event in Azuma and Mr. G. C. Manning the "W" Class event in Cutty.

WEEK-END SOCCER MARKSMEN

SATURDAY'S GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Chong Moon-wing (Athletic)	3
G. White (Kowloon)	2
Lawton (East Lancs.)	2
Roberts (Navy)	1
D. Knox (Kowloon)	1
Fowler (Club)	1
Elliot (Club)	1
Bickford (Club)	1
Sandford (East Lancs.)	1

SECOND DIVISION

Banister (Fusiliers)	5
Boyd (Usters)	3
Chin Chi-fan (Athletic)	3
Pang Kan-hung (Athletic)	2
Smith (Kowloon)	2
Winck (Kowloon)	2

DAVIS (Fusiliers)

Spencer (Navy)	2
Chan Yim-chung (Athletic)	1
Ip Yik-tong (Athletic)	1
Ivey (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.)	1
Sullivan (Fusiliers)	1
Dennis (Fusiliers)	1
Rooney (Usters)	1
Ryan (Usters)	1
Costa (Recreio)	1
Reberio (Recreio)	1
Young (University)	1
Nicholls (Club)	1

THIRD DIVISION

Singleton (Fusiliers)	5
Costa (East Lancs.)	3
Raddcliffe (East Lancs.)	2
Joanillo (St. Joseph's)	2
Hurphy (East Lancs.)	2
Parker (Engineers)	2

POLICE ONCE AGAIN RUNNERS-UP

BUT FULL-BACKS AND 'KEEPER SHINE

BRILLIANT CHINESE ATTACK

(By "Rover")

FOR the second consecutive season the Police had to be content with the runners-up position in the Senior Shield, bowing to South China "A" yesterday by the odd goal in three, after a terrific struggle on the Club ground, before a record 'gate.'

South China were worthy victors; their classical display in the first-half should have produced a crop of goals, so effortless did their clever moves appear against a Police side which failed to settle down to their usual style. But for the sterling defensive tactics of Blackburn, Chris Pile and McHardy, the Chinese undoubtedly would have scored many more goals, as the greater part of the game was a duel between the Chinese forwards and these three defenders.

An idea of the tremendous superiority of South China in the first-half can be gained from the fact that for the last 15 minutes of this period the ball did not leave the Police half!

Tam Kong-pak appeared at left-back for South China, and his partnership with Lee Tinsang yesterday was one of the finest seen for several seasons. Neither player made one mistake. Their positioning, well placed and powerful kicking were superb, and resulted in Wong Wing having but one serious shot throughout the match.

Chinese Halves Shine

Three hard-working halves in Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chui and Lee Kwok-wai, held the Police attack with ease. In marking and constructive play they were, as a line, vastly superior to that of the Police, and solid in the manner in which they took part in each and every Chinese thrust.

But in attack, South China found their real strength. Led by Lee Wai-tong, though he himself found it difficult to shake off the close attention of Gough, the line fitted together like a jig-saw puzzle.

Ip Pak-wai and Fung King-cheong worked the ball forward in a series of cross-passes that had the Police defence running backwards and forwards, before sending ahead either to Tso or Tay on the wings, and Lee, when he did manage to elude Gough on Chris Pile, tested McHardy with several powerfully directed drives.

The Police put up a poor show, and failed to make even a close fight of it, although the score hardly suggests this.

Stephens' Off-Day

Stephens' off-day yesterday was a definite "off" day. Rarely did his passes find their objective, and altogether he wandered round very unhappily. Johnson was a forceful leader, and given the proper passes, could have done considerable damage, but Tommy Pile was the only forward possessing speed and accuracy. On the left, Brooks worked like a Trojan behind the line, and showed marked ability with his shooting, but in Britain, playing in place of Moss, he was given little support.

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YESTERDAY'S GOAL-SCORERS

SENIOR SHIELD

Ip Pak-wai (S. China "A")	1
Fung King-cheong (S. China "A")	1
T. Pile (Police)	1

JUNIOR SHIELD

Howlett (Engineers)	1
Darby (Engineers)	1
Swain (East Lancs.)	1



Swain, the East Lancs' outside-right, above, scored their only goal in their unsuccessful quest for the Junior Shield against the Sappers, the holders, yesterday at the Valley.

DOUBLES HOLDERS IN ACTION

Goldman And Pearce On View

TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

(By "BASE-LINE")

The holders of the Open Doubles Championship for the last 11 years, H. D. and S. A. Ramjahn, and one other favoured partnership, L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce, will be on view this afternoon at the H.K.C.C.

Although the champions are promised an easy match against a Civil Service "B" Division pair, Goldman and Pearce will have an opportunity to prove their worth against Lu Tak-cheuk and Lu Tak-lam, who, however, revealed very indifferent form against Wong Fuk-nam and F. K. Lau in the opening round. Where the Cricket Club pair should have the advantage is at the net.

Three games in the Singles event do not promise any upsets as Kwok, Tsui Wai-pui, the 1934 champion, and P. Scoones are expected to win comfortably, but Lt.-Comdr. Conway, a very patient base-line player, may beat R. Choa of Craigengower.

The Club Championship will provide one interesting game—Sullivan v Owen Hughes—and I doubt whether the cricketer's phenomenal reach will prove enough to beat a "veteran" who is still good.

The following is to-day's programme, commencing at 4.45 p.m.:

TO-DAY

Open Singles (Second Round)
D. McLaughlin v F. H. Kwok
Tsui Wai-pui v S. W. Liang
P. Scoones v R. Blyth
R. Choa v Lt.-Comdr. Conway (1st round)

Open Doubles (First Round)
J. A. Randall and I. Agafuroff v H. D. and S. A. Ramjahn (holders)
T. A. Pearce and L. Goldman v Lu Tak-cheuk and Lu Tak-lam (2nd Round)

Club Championship
T. C. Monaghan v P. F. McCabe (2nd Round)
A. L. Sullivan v H. Owen Hughes (2nd Round)
R. Henry v E. Bathurst

VARSITY UNABLE TO FIELD FOOTBALL TEAM

Owing to the University being unable to field a team, their Second Division soccer match against the Eastern had to be postponed.



Chris Pile, above, the Police left-back, gave an outstanding display against South China "A" in the final of the Senior Shield yesterday at the Valley.

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THREE TEAMS TOP DOUBLE-CENTURY MARK

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Saturday.

The defeat of Arsenal at Preston and Sunderland's failure to score at Sheffield provided the main features of to-day's football programme, detailed results of which, as cabled by Reuter, were as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION	
Aston Villa	3 Leeds
Bolton	2 Chelsea
Brentford	0 Manchester C.
Derby	0 Stoke
Everton	4 Blackburn
Huddersfield	1 Liverpool
Middlesbrough	5 Grimsby
Portsmouth	0 Birmingham
Preston	1 Arsenal
Wednesday	0 Sunderland
Wolves	2 West Brom.

SECOND DIVISION	
Barnsley	0 Notts F.
Bradford C.	3 Doncaster
Burnley	1 Sheffield U.
Charlton	2 Southampton
Fulham	4 Bradford
Hull	0 Norwich
Manchester U.	3 Swansea
Newcastle	3 Bury
Plymouth	3 Blackpool
Port Vale	1 Leicester
Tottenham	1 West Ham

THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Bournemouth	2 Newport
Bristol R.	0 Queen's P. R.
Cardiff	2 Swindon
Clapton	0 Watford
Crystal P.	1 Torquay
Gillingham	1 Coventry
Luton	3 Exeter
Northampton	2 Millwall
Notts C.	1 Brighton
Reading	3 Aldershot
Southend	0 Bristol City

THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Accrington	0 Carlisle
Barrow	0 Halifax
Chester	4 Mansfield
Chesterfield	2 Gateshead
Crewe	4 Wallsall
Lincoln	4 Rotherham
New Brighton	1 Darlington
Rochdale	2 Wrexham
Southport	1 Hartlepool
Stockport	2 Tranmere
York	3 Oldham

ALL TROPHIES RETURNED

Mr. Zdenek Koubek, once famous as Miss Zdenka Koubkova, the Czechoslovak woman athlete, has decided to return all the athletic cups and trophies which he won as a woman, and a move will be made to annul the records, including a world record time for the 800 metres.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Aberdeen	2 Kilmarnock
Albion	1 Hearts
Ayr	1 Dundee
Celtic	5 Motherwell
Dunfermline	1 Arbroath
Hamilton	3 Queen's O'S
Hibernian	2 Partick
Rangers	4 Clyde
* St. Johnstone	Queen's Park
T. Lanark	2 Airdrie
* unplayed.	

POLICE ONCE AGAIN RUNNERS-UP

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The huge gap between halves and forwards was very noticeable, but with Gough holding Lee Wai-tong, and both Parker and North forced to watch both winger and inside man, they had their hands full to overflowing, without much thought of aiding their own attack.

Wing Halves Fail

Parker has not lost much of his intercept form and his tackling was just as deadly, and Tso did not make much headway against him, but in passing he failed badly, and the same can be said of North, who commenced in brilliant style, but finished up seemingly glad to kick anywhere, so hard a task had he against Ip and Tay.

Of the rearguard mention has already been made, and altogether the Police, fielding a side which promised so much, gave but a glimpse of their League form, and were much easier victims than South China anticipated.

Winning the toss, Lee Wai-tong kicked off before a terrific crowd which overflowed from the packed stands to along the touchlines. South China were first to become dangerous, and, following a delightful bout of inter-passing between Ip and Fung, the latter sent in a hard drive which beat McHardy all ends up, but struck the upright.

First Goal

After 10 minutes' play Fung and Tso spreadeagled the Police defence by the very quickness and unexpectedness of a move on the right, and the final pass found Ip Pak-wa unmarked in front of goal, and the latter had an easy task in converting.

A drive from 25 yards by Tay



Lee Wai-tong, above, was given a trying time by Gough, the Police pivot, in the final of the Senior Shield yesterday on the Club ground.

Quee-liang brought McHardy full length in a brilliant save, and for the last quarter of an hour the Police were penned in their own area.

The first minute of the second half saw Blackburn make his only mistake—a costly one. A bad miskick let in Fung King-cheong, who lobbed the ball over McHardy's head into the net.

The Police pressed furiously after this setback, and for a foul committed by Tam Kong-pak during a melee in the Chinese goalmouth, the Police were awarded a penalty, which Tommy Pile easily converted.

With the Chinese taking things rather too quietly, the Police put more life into their moves, but after a time their attack petered out as quickly as it had started owing to lack of cohesion and no support.

S. China "A"—Wong Wing; Lee Tin-sang, Tam Kong-pak; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chui, Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Ip Pak-wah and Tay Quee-liang.

Police: McHardy, Blackburn, C. Pile; North, Gough, Parker; T. Pile; Stephens, Johnston, Brooks and Brittain.

After a brief speech by Sir Thomas Southern, Lady Southern presented the Shield to Lee Wai-tong, and a cup to Gough, captain of the losing side.

WIMBLEDON AGAIN

Senorita Anita Lizana, the young lawn tennis player from Chile who made herself so popular in England last year, is again to play at Wimbledon, but intends to devote more time to Continental tournaments.

UNIVERSITY FARE BADLY

CRIPPLED BY ABSENCE OF BEST BOWLERS

DANIELLS TOP-SCORER OVER THE WEEK-END

(By L. B. W.)

THE outstanding feature in Saturday's cricket was that three teams put up scores of over 200 runs, which is none too common in Saturday afternoon cricket, and for that reason it was a pleasant change — from the spectator's point of view, at any rate.

In their first division encounter, the Army rattled up 254 against the University who, however, were without the services of E. L. Gosano and H. Ozorio, their opening bowlers. The Army bowlers then proceeded to run through the Varsity side with the result that they won by the colossal margin of 192 runs!

Lt. J. P. Williams, Capt. D. W. Perse and Capt. L. J. Walsh all passed the half-century mark for the winning team, and in making 69 not out Capt. Walsh hit two beautiful sixes and 12 fours! Williams had 58 and Perse 66, but, without trying to detract from the value of their innings, it must be mentioned that the University bowling did not do justice to a premier league team.

The University batting crumbled before the bowling of Lt. B. M. C. Prichard, who returned the excellent analysis of 6 for 17, and it was mainly due to this that they were dismissed for the poor score of 62 runs. J. Fong, who played such a stubborn game against the Indians two Saturdays ago, made 10 runs, while L. T. Ride helped with 11, but the rest failed to get into double figures, and "Mr. Extras" was top-scorer with 19!

Although I did not think the University were going to win, I expected them to put up a much better show, as they were again playing on a matting wicket.

The Juniors

In the Second Division the University also had the misfortune to have over 200 runs scored off their bowling. The Royal Engineers, who beat the Varsity seconds by 166 runs, hit up 244 for 3 wickets with Sergt. Daniels, who scored 81, as top-scorer.

Daniels has played for the Army in the first division and is a very useful bat. His knock on Saturday, I was told, included some very pretty shots, and when it is mentioned that he hit 16 fours it may be imagined how quickly he got his runs. Cpl. Waterbridge

Openings Missed

The first 20 minutes of the game produced scrappy football on both sides, with the Sappers gradually assuming the upper hand, though both Williams and Crossley missed good openings.

Shortly before the interval, Ball miskicked to let Darby through and the latter made no error with a well-placed drive from close quarters.

The second half opened thrillingly, the Sappers' goal undergoing a miraculous escape. Three shots in as many seconds, by Coster and Williams (twice) were blocked on the line by Selleck, and the Engineers' must have breathed a sigh of relief when the ball was finally cleared!

Howlett Heads In Twice

After 15 minutes, Hurst lobbed toward goal and Howlett dashed up at the right moment to head in a really clever goal, and with the East Lancs appearing rather tired, the Sappers added their third point, again through Howlett, who merely nodded a fine corner kick by Creagh into the net.

Making a last desperate bid to reduce the deficit, the East Lancs were rewarded when a fine cross-drive by Swain beat Selleck all ends up. This success brightened up their play a little, but the Engineers' defence held out grimly against all the East Lancs' efforts, and the Sappers retired worthy winners.

Engineers:—Selleck; Slack, Coleman; Wilford, Boyling, Dewell; Callard, Hurst, Darby, Howlett and Creagh.

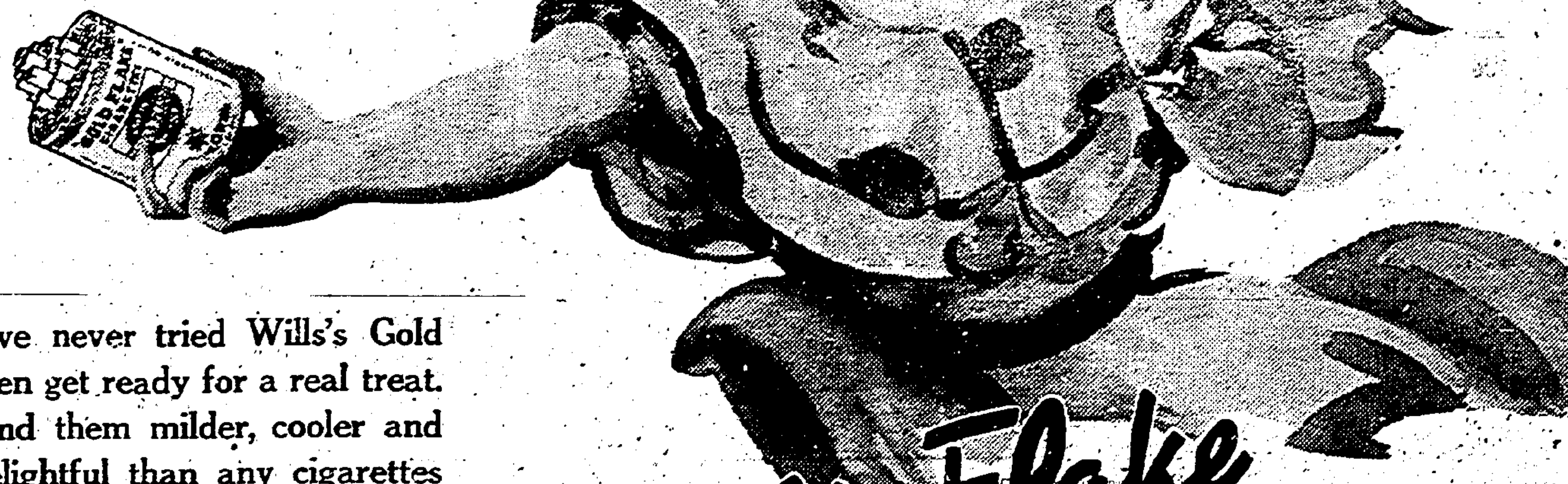
East Lancs:—Oxford; Harwood, Ball; Thorpe, Crossley, Power; Swain, Williams, Coster, Crossley and Tuley.

At the conclusion of the Senior Shield Final, the Junior Shield was presented to Hurst, captain of the Engineers, by Lady Southern.

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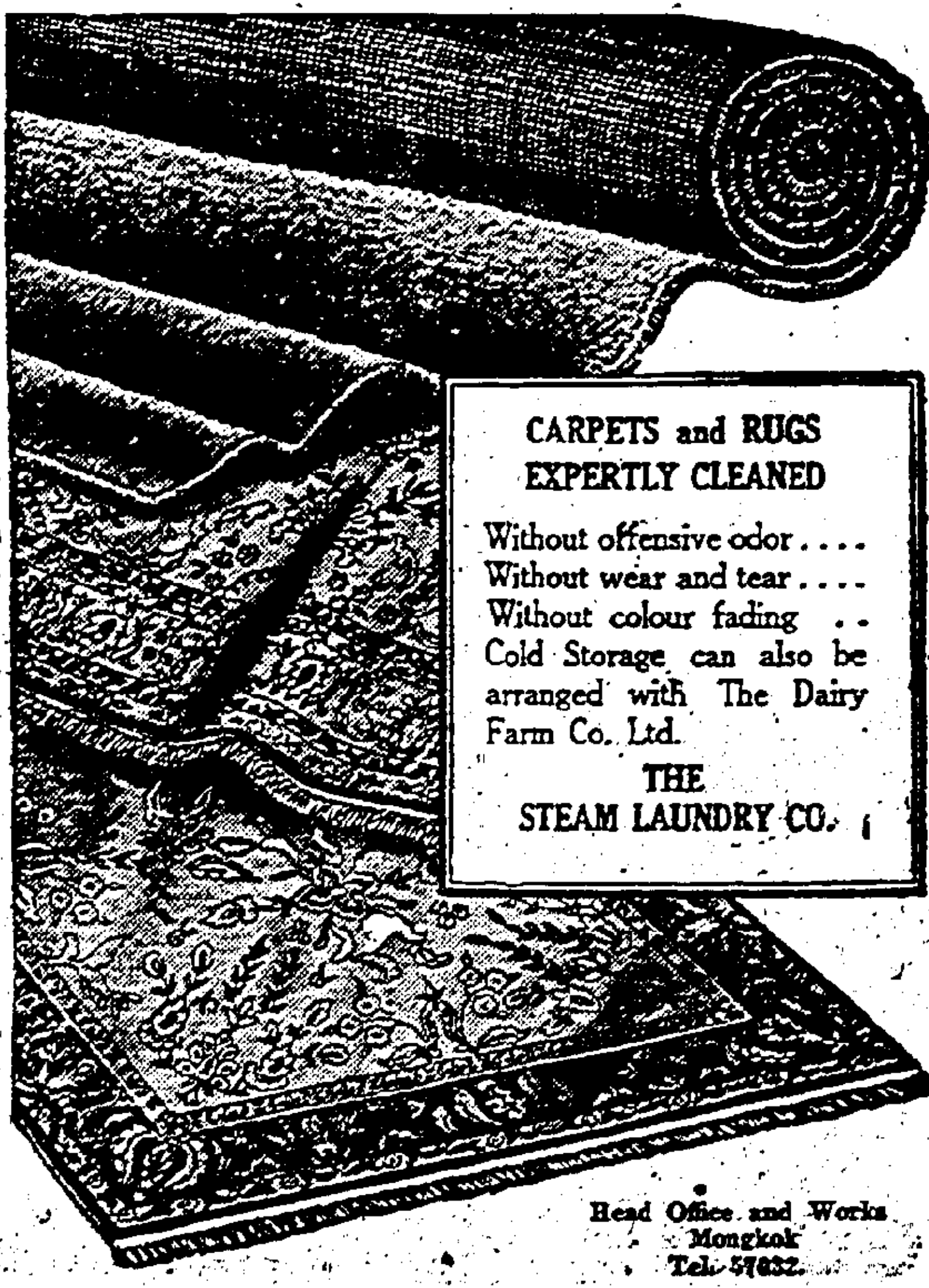
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League of Nations Reform

It is not without significance
that while the League of Nations
was in process of moving into
its new Temple at Geneva its
friends in the House of
Lords should have been earnestly
discussing its need of re-
vision last month. Lord Ren-
nell raised the question by ask-
ing whether the Government
were taking any steps in that
direction. Lord Stanhope, in
reply, said that they were not,
and had no intention, at that
time, of pressing forward with
any scheme of reform. His
speech was a variation on the
old theme that when a hurri-
cane is blowing it is a bad time
to start repairing one's roof.
Nevertheless, the fact remains
down the urgency of repair is
less felt and the work is too
often postponed. When these
present storms are over the
League clearly must sit in in-
quest upon itself and earnestly
consider to what extent and by
what means the failures of
function to which attention was
drawn in last month's debate
are capable of remedy.

Criticism was sharp. Lord
Rennell described the League
as "an unworkable instrument
in which the main liability
seems doomed to fall on us."
Lord Ponsonby believed that
"the Governments of Europe
realise that Article 16 is im-
practicable." That is the ar-
ticulate, be it observed, under
which sanctions are now being
taken against Italy as a de-
clared aggressor. Yet that they
have been undertaken at all
against a great Power is surely
more remarkable than that
they have not been attended
with complete success. The
League is badly crippled by
those who have left it, and it
has never recovered from the
United States' refusal to come
in. That is a standing cause
of its deficiencies, unless one goes
farther back still to the intense
self-interest which actuates
States as it actuates individ-
uals. But that fault is deeply
engraved in human nature it-
self, and the policies of Govern-
ments are determined, at least
in democratic countries, by the
electors. Still, it would be a
counsel of despair to abandon
the League on that account, for
however imperfect its working
it is better than no League at
all. A World League without
the United States, Germany,
Japan and Brazil cannot fully
justify its name. Whether the
absent are likely to return it
were foolish to prophesy. But
at least every reasonable effort
should be made to smooth their
path.

Lord Rennell's concrete sug-
gestion that each continent
should have its own League
Council, with Geneva as a
World Court to pronounce
judgment when a regional
council has failed to reach a
solution, is more attractive in
theory than practical in appli-
cation. The regional idea has
broken down, where at one time
it looked most hopeful, namely,
the limitation of air armaments
among the Western Powers of
Europe. For Germany looks
east as well as west, and that
brings in Russia, and Russia
looks far East, and that brings
in Japan. But the League is
young and war is old. We
must not expect too much. Yet
members will have to nerve
themselves to play their part to
the fullest extent of their
power: if collective action is to
be made a reality. Lord Stan-
hope's reminder "on this head
was very much to the point."

\$500 OUTLINE CABLED

Over The Wires
To London

15,000-WORD FILM STORY

The 15,000-word outline of a
scenario has been cabled from
Hollywood to the Gaumont-British
Company.

A script was needed for Boris
Karloff, the specialist in horri-
fic art, who arrived last month. Two
stories were dropped, one because
of an outcry against horror films
the other because it clashed with
an American production.

John Balderston, the co-author
of "Berkeley Square" and now a
film writer, came to the studios
and mentioned that he had a story
in Hollywood which might do
"insurance" policy.

Balderston was leaving for
America the next day. It was de-
cided that his story should be seen.
An outline of the story, "The Man
Who Changed His Mind," was
cabled over.

It is not definitely decided that
Karloff will do this film, but it is
under consideration. Mr. Michael
Balcon said:

"Cabling the story was a sort of
insurance policy against our not
having a suitable scenario for
Karloff. Delay in finding a story
for a highly-paid actor after he
had arrived would be expensive."

LIKE GANGSTER FILM

Young Girl's Story
To Police

POLICE SCEPTICAL

Dorothy Cox, aged 17, was re-
manded at Canterbury police
court last month on a charge of
stealing jewellery and money to
the value of £123, the property
of her employer, Mrs. Dorothy
Matthews, Manwood House, Can-
terbury.

The Chief Constable, Mr. G. T.
Hall, said that when the facts
were reported to the police it ap-
peared more like a story from a
film of the American gangster
type.

A message was received that
Manwood House had been broken
into by a man with a mask on
his face, that the man demanded
jewellery and money, and that he
escaped in a car with £10 in notes
and jewellery to the value of
over £100.

Scotland Yard told
Police forces and Scotland Yard
were notified of the alleged car.
Police officers went to the
house, which was found to have
been ransacked from top to bot-
tom, with drawers pulled out and
clothing thrown about.

The girl repeated the story
about the masked man and offered
to show where he had hidden the
jewellery. From under a
bush outside the house she pro-
duced the missing articles.

Her story was not believed, and
eventually she produced £9 10s.
from her clothing and admitted
that the story was false. Since
her arrest she had threatened to
commit suicide.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

"The Man Of God"

FOR 44 years travellers between
Wichita and El Dorado,
Kansas, have been attracted to the
statue-like figure of William at
the side of the roadway. His pose
still and impressive, and with
flowing white hair and beard, the
highway patriarch is known as
"William, the Man of God," and
by no other name. As far as is
known, he has no relatives, but his
many friends of the highway keep
him in food and clothing, and
other necessities of life. William's
motto is: "God will take care of
me," and he is perfectly satisfied
with life.

"The British Government is not
prepared," he said, "now or in
the future, to take action under
the League in a matter which,
while nominally collective, is in
reality nothing of the sort."
That need not be further pre-
sented. Recent and still more re-
cent facts are in the recollec-
tion of all.

Here There and Everywhere.

TELEPHONE EFFICIENCY

A remarkable instance of tele-
phone-service efficiency is de-
scribed in a letter from America.

When King George died an Eng-
lishman in New York who knows
Professor Carlyle, the manager of
the E. P. ranch in Alberta, tried
to ring him up.

Finding that the ranch, which
is very remote, was not on the
telephone, it occurred to him that
the professor might be in Calgary.

He therefore asked the tele-
phone company to ring the Calgary
operator, 2,000 miles away, and
see if Mr. Carlyle could be found
there.

Within a minute he was called
back and told that Professor Car-
lyle was on the line.

GIVE A DAY A DEAD NAME

St. Hilary's Day, which fell on
January 14, is by Yorkshire tradi-
tion the coldest in the year. In
the Midlands the saint is given a
grim alternative. There, they say,
his day is either the coldest or the
wettest of the year.

This climatic intensity is no
doubt in keeping with St. Hilary's
own character.

Besides being Bishop of
Poitiers, the saint was one of the
most vigorous of the peripatetic
theologian-statesmen of the fourth
century.

It was largely due to his cham-
pionship of orthodoxy, for which
he battled as far afield as Asia
Minor, that Arianism was defeat-
ed in France. The title of "Most
Christian King," borne by French
monarchs, records this result.

January 14 may now plead in
mitigation of its bad character
that in the Middle Ages—from
which the county sows which we
have quoted date—it came many
days nearer the turn of the year.

Your Daily Smile!

BLONDES PREFERRED
"Blondes are the favourites with
men, and therefore get more fun
out of life," says a film star. All
the fun of the fair.

Domestic Cameo
"Mamma, where do old motor-
cars go?"
"Some one finds them, darling, and
sells them to daddy."

Losing Their Nerve
A veterinary surgeon says that
bulls close their eyes when they
charge. So do profiteering tradesmen
when they overcharge.

DEFENCE MINISTRY IN BRITAIN

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST

DEFENCE APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE PROPERLY HANDLED

(By Air-Commodore L. E. O. Charlton)

THE White Paper on national
defence is to be debated in
Parliament this week. The Minis-
terial statements on the subject
will be followed by the British
public and the world outside with
an interest not exceeded by those
decisive utterances of July 1914
which brought us into the Great
War.

Our sense of security has at last
been shaken, and we are going to
put the matter right.

But are we? It is said that
£300,000,000 is to be spent. That
is a very satisfactory sum provid-
ed the allocation is correct.
"There's the rub!" A salve, to be
effective, must touch the spot.

Is the Navy, for instance, to get
the lion's share as heretofore? Is
the Army, as usual, to run a good
second in the "appropriation
stakes?" Will the Air Force be out
of luck again, and unplaced? All
three, we know, are to receive
huge increases. But will the
amounts, on this occasion, be in
proportion to the actualities of the
situation?

Some Actualities
What are the actualities of Brit-
ish defence? Here are some.

The whole of the British Isles,
coast and inland, the capital and
all the cities, areas of heavy, me-
dium and light industries, includ-
ing shipyards, and the populace it-
self, are vulnerable to air attack.
That is a fact, and only a perma-
nent mastery of the air can offset
the danger.

Our army, considered as an ex-
peditionary force and apart from
its main function as a garrison in
India and elsewhere, could never
be assembled in transports, let
alone set sail, with an enemy Air
Force in command of the situa-
tion. The ships would be bomb-
ed to the bottom of the sea.

And what of the fleet? We know
from actual full-scale test, in
American waters, that dread-
noughts of the Jutland era can be
sunk by near-misses alongside.
Of such dreadnoughts we have
twelve out of fifteen, and of the

remaining three the false keel, or
bulge, or blister, is only presumed
to afford an adequate protection.

Disabling
But disabling, the putting of
a ship out of action, is only a little
less serious than sinking during
the moment of emergency. Battle-
worthiness depends equally on un-
damaged propellers, rudders, con-
denser systems, and that these are
capable of being deranged by
quite light bombs is indisputable.
When the Ostfriedland, reputed
to be unsinkable, was sent to the
bottom by an experimental bomb
attack in Chesapeake Bay in June,
1921, the condenser apparatus of
the observer ship, a mile away,
was seriously damaged.

Whether the expeditionary force
can set sail, or whether the fleet
can or cannot fulfil its various
functions of preventing invasion,
blockading an enemy coast, or
bombardment, is, however, beside
the question in face of the fact
that our supplies of food, fuel and
munitions arrive by sea.

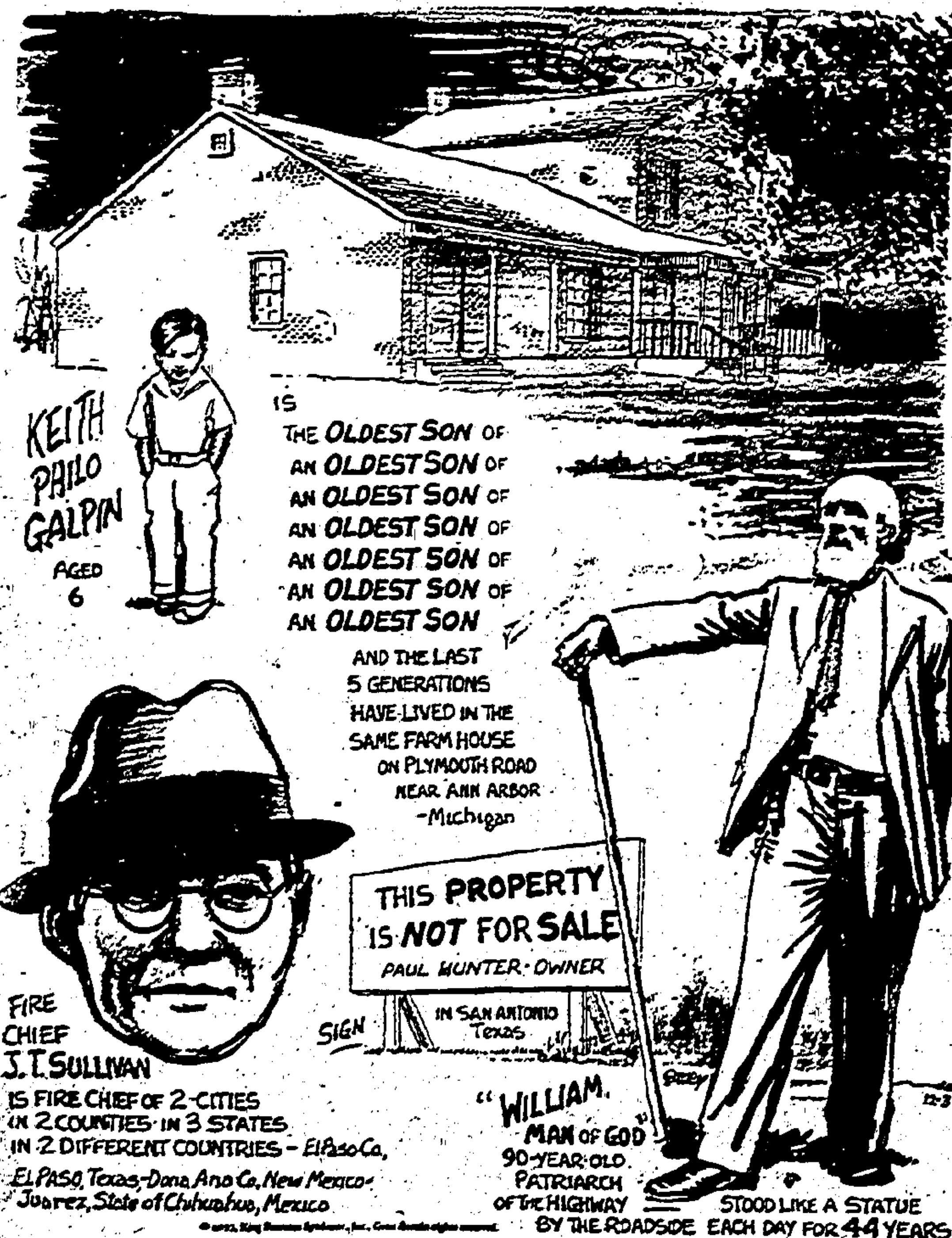
The German submarine cam-
paign at the height of its intensity
during the Great War brought us
within six weeks of the end of our
food supplies, and brought with it
a pronouncement from Admiral
Jellicoe that we could not con-
tinue the war into 1919. In other
words we were at the point of
defeat.

Another Menace
And now to the submarine is
added a menace from the air.
What chance have cargo boats,
with their paper-thick hulls,
against air attack?

Whether they are on the high
seas, nearing port, or unloading
alongside, it is all one. They are
the prey of the bomber. And it
so happens that the submarine
plays into the hands of the bom-
bing formation as a slow brawler
plays for catches, the close group-
ing of the convoy necessary to
avert the torpedo providing, for
the aircraft, the long-sought
opportunity.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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EAST HAM MYSTERY

SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY DISAPPEARS

What Has Become Of Borough Mace?

CHEQUERED CAREER OF MAYORAL "BAUBE"

The Mayor of East Ham says that he does not know of the present whereabouts of the mace — symbol of mayoral authority.

Many people are asking why it was not carried in the civic procession to church on the day of King George's funeral.

The mace has had a chequered history.

Eight or nine years ago 260 burgesses offered the mace to the Corporation, but at a meeting in camera the gift was rejected, and successive mayors declined to accept it.

The Mayor of two years ago received the piece of regalia and placed it on brackets in the mayoral parlour.

Last year it came down and was put in a glass case. It remained there until the present Mayor, two days after his election, had it carried in the Armistice Day procession. It was used on a number of subsequent occasions.

Letter Of Congratulation
The Mace Bearers' Association was pleased, for East Ham and West Ham had been the only boroughs in the county of Essex which had been without maces, and the Association sent the Mayor, Alderman Mayor, Alderman Pope, a letter of congratulation.

Owing to opposition to the use of the mace, the Mayor resolved not to use it any more during his year of office. It has been banished from the mayoral parlour.

"I do not know where it is," said the Mayor when asked what had become of the mace.

The mace-bearer, Mr. M. J. O. Hutchings, smarting under this loss of dignity, declared, "It is in cold storage!"

FAVOURITE DOG OF KING GEORGE

Died Few Days After Her Master

ACCOMPANIED KING ON COUNTRY WALKS

Within a few days of her master's death, Sandringham Susan, one of the most faithful of King George's dogs, developed a fatal illness.

Susan, who was one of the Clumber spaniels for which the Sandringham kennels were famous, was devoted to the King, with whom she was a great favourite. For seven years she went out regularly with him on shoots, and often accompanied him on those quiet rambles through the countryside which were among Sandringham's greatest delights for King George.

The King used to show her with pride to his friends, praising her as the dog which had never once blundered at a shoot.

She was one of the first Clumber spaniels he possessed. Despite her age, Susan had been out working this season.

CULTURE "DRIVE" IN TURKEY

Substantial Prizes For Authors

Ankara.
As part of a Turkish culture "drive" instigated by the Government, large sums of money are to be paid to each of twelve authors who can produce works "considered to be useful and profitable to Turkish culture."

The Ministry for Public Education is prepared to pay such authors not less than 500 Turkish pounds.

The choice of books lies with a special committee instituted by the Ministry. The object is not only to increase the publication of such works but also to "stimulate" Turkish authors.



George Brent, the new movie hit, is in "The Goose and the Gander," a Warner Bros. production, which is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre soon.

AUSTRALIAN CAR TARIFF BOMBSHELL

Surprise Decision Of Customs

BRITISH FIRMS BADLY HIT IF INCREASE UPHELD

Thousands of pounds' worth of business will be lost to Britain's motor-car industry if a surprise decision made known recently by the Australian Customs authorities is upheld.

It means that, instead of paying £15 import duty on a chassis and body parts, exporters will be

AUSTRALIA WANTS PLANNED IMMIGRATION ONLY

Would Welcome Establishment Of Secondary Industries

Canberra: The Commonwealth Government would welcome any plan, it is officially stated, for the establishment of new secondary industries and the introduction of migrants whose production would be steadily absorbable and whose entry would not increase unemployment.

It is realised that new industries would create a market and possibly enable the migration of land settlers.

The admission of large numbers of settlers is stated would be impossible unless Great Britain provided an outlet for the resultant increased production.

The Cabinet have tentatively considered the general resumption of migration but have reached no decision.

charged from £50 to £70 duty on a small car. This would bring the retail price in Australia of a 7-h.p. British car to the prohibitive figure of about £225.

Until last March there was a protective duty of £85 on cars with saloon bodies, but after negotiations following the Ottawa Conference Australia agreed to charge only £15 duty if the bodies were sent in panel form for assembly in the Dominion.

Manufacturers thereupon planned an export programme of some 10,000 chassis and body parts this year.

Now the Australian Customs authorities have decided that the £15 duty shall apply only to actual panels and that if any body parts such as doors and seats are shipped at the same time a proportion of the former £85 duty must be paid.

Mr. D. F. Mason, export sales manager of the Standard Motor Company, stated: "We had planned to export about 800 chassis with panels, now we might cut out the business altogether."

Morris Motors, it is understood, has already arranged for building bodies in Australia and is shipping only chassis.

Boy's Presence Of Mind

A 12-year-old Croydon schoolboy rescued a girl when her clothes caught fire at her home.

The girl, Emily Bradley, aged 17, of Alexandra-road, South Norwood, was taken to Mayday Hospital, Croydon, in a serious condition.

She was standing near the fire in the kitchen with a celluloid knitting needle in her hand. The needle suddenly ignited and the flames spread to her clothing.

"SOAKING" U.S. RICH

TAXATION THAT WILL WIPE OUT HUGE FORTUNES

Last-Minute Efforts To Escape

IMMENSE SUMS DEEDED AWAY

New York.—The extent of last-minute efforts by wealthy Americans to escape the new death-duties and taxes on gifts was revealed recently. The new taxes range up to 70 p.c. on estates and 51½ p.c. on gifts.

They became effective on Jan. 1, and it has been predicted that they will have the effect of wiping out all great fortunes in the United States within three generations. Outstanding gifts in December are listed in a report of the Securities and Exchange Commission to-day, but the names of the recipients of the gifts are not disclosed. The gifts include:

Mr. Walter Chrysler, chairman of the famous firm of motor-car manufacturers, 40,000 shares of Chrysler Corporation stock, valued at \$750,000.

Mr. James Gray, an executive officer of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., 30,000 shares of Reynolds stock, valued at \$348,000.

Mr. Cyrus McCormack, of Chicago, 24,000 shares of International Harvester Co., common stock, valued at \$317,000, reducing his holding to fewer than 245,000 shares.

Mr. Joseph Schenck, chairman of the board of Twentieth Century-Fox Films, 46,000 shares common and 15,000 shares preferred stock of that company, valued at \$286,000.

Mr. Charles Nash, founder of Nash Motors, 50,000 shares of Nash stock, valued at \$180,000.

Conspicuous in earlier lists was Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who gave Standard Oil Company securities worth \$29,000,000 to educational and charitable institutions.

BLASTING ACCIDENT AT SHING MUN

Gelignite Explodes Prematurely

FIVE MEN INJURED

A serious accident occurred at Shing Mun Valley yesterday morning, resulting in five workmen being sent to hospital suffering from injuries sustained through a gelignite charge exploding prematurely while preparing for blasting operations at Pineapple Pass Dam.

One of the injured men, Wong Lik, a foreman, had his jaw shattered while another coolie's fingers were almost completely severed.

Wong Lik was removed to the Kowloon Hospital together with Wong Nuen, stone coolie, and Tang Kwai-fong, truck coolie, both of whom are suffering from severe face and body injuries; and Yau Kin, stone coolie, whose fingers were badly cut.

Ng Chung, also a truck coolie, suffered injuries of a less serious nature and was sent to the Shing Mun Hospital for treatment.

The accident occurred about half an hour prior to the midday blasting.

OIL BLAZE

An oilman's premises, at South Woodford, Essex, were burned out, last month, but the firemen, after a two-hour fight, prevented the flames, reaching adjoining buildings.

To-day's Short Story

The Old Lady Returns

By Josephine Johnson

FOR fifty years the iron rockers of her chair had tapped. Up and down, monotonous as rain. And for fifty years the damned old men and women gathered round her with their pipes and knitting needles, and listened to her talk. They would not work. They would not suffer. They would not do any of those things for which they'd come to Hell.

"It was a beautiful place," she'd say, "beyond all dreaming. I went out in the mist one morning—Dear Lord! Such a cobweb-covered world! More spiders there seemed than anything else alive in all the fields. Their webs blew back and forth on every wire, trembled like parachutes in the grass. So heavy the dew it looked like frost, and I heard it fall down from the apple twigs—the lovely apple twigs! A wide orchard we had—two acres more or less—like a great wedding in the spring, like a great ocean in the summer. And the fruit! All day the bushels came up and went by. Some hundred jars I made one year: green apple-sauce of early apples, and whole pears put up with cloves.

"And one year I was lost on David. He was a kindly fellow, good as a tree to look at, but a poor little pea-pod soul. Dave saw my hundred jars and his ears prickled up. He thought to pluck me soon and easy, because that was his way. And I was ready to plunk in his arms as if no man but blind old Crane, with his hog-shaped mouth, had come my way before. And I remember how every night I'd rush to the window, thinking his feet were what I heard, and it would be only wind in the poplar leaves or rain on gravel. I'd see his lantern a thousand times a night in lightning-bugs, and his shape in every shadow, till my mind was all astrew and I half barmy-brained.

"And then one day Dave points out a lovely field of yarrow; says, 'I'd plough that field if I were you. No good in yarrow.' And the sum of love went off my eyes and I saw what I knew, but never had

wanted to know—that we were stars apart, and he, with a poor little shrunk-up soul that was neither good nor bad enough for one place or the other. Lost like a bean in all the mists that mark off Hell and Heaven. So that was the end, and I thought to myself—he was a nice chap, but too much shrunk of life, and there was perhaps greater pleasure in the sight of fat and fleshy tadpoles digging into mud than in listening to a man say aimless things, only because he was a man.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "My Little Car," by Roy Lee.

"I filled up the hole of his going with various things, small-sized but large of meaning, brown fungus and the pulpit flowers, sight of the sycamore leaves' new-dusted green.

"But he had none of these things, and took it hard.... Then she rocks and sighs; and the Devil goes by fast on his morning round, for fear she will start all her old importuning requests. But she sees him always with her great occipital eyes, and after him she goes. Up and down through all the corridors of Hell....

"If you had ever seen it," she says, trudging up and down behind him, "if you had ever seen it, you would understand. There were fields of the alfalfa flowers, high thin purple flowers, and wild hard plums up in the north field by the fence that we had to mend every year—because the moonseeds dragged it down—moonseeds vines with great dark leaves. And groundnut grew there, too, and

"In the name of Heaven!" shouts the poor tormented Devil. "Was ever a man on earth so afflicted as I? You can't go back. You've sinned and died and come to Hell. Now do be quiet!" And off he runs, with the poor old lady left behind in tears.

And so it went on for fifty years till the Devil and all of Hell knew every inch and blade of grass on that lost farm. They knew where the road came up past the sagging barn, and the beam where the phoebe nested.

"And the peace of it!" she would say, "the blessed fields at evening with red light, and hay-cocks making shadows to the east. The silence, and the round fields with their new green hair—and the mulleins flowering! If you could only see the mulleins flowering!"

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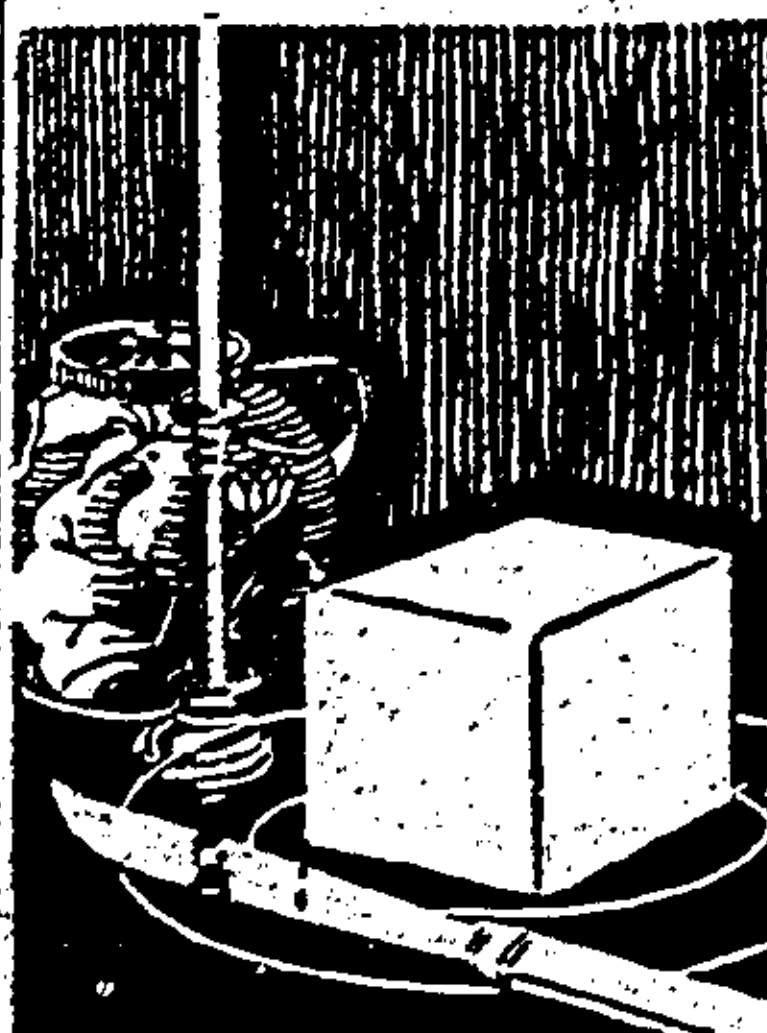
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SHARE MARKET

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks

H.K. Bank \$1.645 b.
H.K. Bank (London) \$100% n.
Mercantile Bank C. \$14 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank A. and B.
\$30 n.
Bank of East Asia \$73 n.

Insurance

Canton Ins. \$270 n.
Unions Ins. \$555 b.
China Underwriters \$1 n.
China Fire Ins. \$480 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$260 n.
International Assee. \$3 1/4 n.

Shipping

Douglases \$36 n.
H.K. Steamboats \$5 1/2 n.
Indo-China (Pref.) \$30 n.
Indo-China (Def.) \$20 n.
Shells (Bearer) \$6 3/8 n.
Union Waterboats \$14 1/2 n.

Mining

Antamoks \$1.86 b. \$1.86 sa.
Balatocs 2 1/4 n.
Baguio Gold 13 cts. n.
Benguet Consolidated \$18.40 n.
Benguet Exploration 14 cts. n.
Big Wedge 27 cts. b.
Gold Creek 15 cts. n.
Gold River 7 cts. n.
Ipo Mining \$2 1/2 n.
Itokons 65 cts. n.
Salacots 15 cts. n.
Kailan Mining Ad. 11/- n.
Langkats (Single) Sh. \$10 n.
Shai Exploration Sh. \$4 1/2 n.
Shanghai Loans Sh. \$4 n.
Raubs \$11 1/4 n.
Venz; Goldfield \$3 1/2 n.

Docks, etc.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$91 b.
H.K. and W. Docks \$9 n.
Providents (old) \$115 b. \$115 sa.
Providents (new) 50 cts. n.
Hong New Sh. \$190 n.
New Engineering Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks. \$79 n.
Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons Sh. \$3 n.

Shanghai Cottons (old) Sh. \$70 n.
Shanghai Cottons (new) Sh. \$40 n.

Zongong Sings Sh. \$12 n.

Wing On Textiles Sh. \$25 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$4 b.

H.K. Lands \$30 1/2 n.
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures
100% n.

Shanghai Lands Sh. \$18 n.

Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$10 n.
Hampshires \$9.70 n.
H.K. Realities \$5.85 n.
China Realities Sh. \$4 n.
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.
Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$10 1/2 sa.

Peak Trams (old) \$7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$3 n.
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LOCAL DOLLAR

STEADY

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady, open-
ing on demand, this morning
at 1/3 1/4 d.

"Spot" silver rose 1/16 to 19-
7/8, while "forward" also advanced
1/16 to 19 1/4.

The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.97 1/2,
as compared with \$-U.S.\$4.96 1/2,
while the New York on London
cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$
4.98, as compared with \$-U.S.\$
4.96 1/2.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From

Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co.
have received the following
quotations in Straits currency
from Singapore for Raw Rubber:

Spot 26 1/2 b. Up 1/4 26 3/4 s.
April-June 26 1/2 b. Up 1/4 26 3/4 s.

July-Sept. 26 1/2 b. Up 1/4 27 1/4 s.
Oct.-Dec. 27 1/2 b. Up 1/4 27 1/4 s.

Market:—Firm.

THE HONG KONG FIRE

INSURANCE CO., LTD.

We are officially informed that

the General Managers, and Con-

sulting Committee of The Hong

Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,

will recommend at the forthcom-

ing Meeting of Shareholders, to

be held on March 27, the payment

on account of the year 1934 of a

Dividend of \$11 per share,

absorbing \$440,000; to pass \$100,

000 to credit of Investment and

Exchange Fluctuation Account

and \$122,910.32 to credit of Re-

insurance Fund; carrying for-

ward \$753,116.76 in respect of the

year 1935.

Star Ferries \$84 n.

Yaumati Ferries \$20 1/2 n.

C. Lights (old) \$10.15 b.

C. Lights (new) \$7 n.

H.K. Electric \$53. b. \$53 1/2 sa.

Macao Electric \$20 n.

Sandaikan Lights \$4 1/2 n.

Telephones (old) \$24.70 b.

Telephones (new) \$3.80 n.

China Buses Sh. \$11 1/4 n.

Singapore Tractions 20/- b.

Singapore Tractions Pref. 26/-

n.

Industrials

Malabon Sugars \$8.40 n.

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$19 1/2 n.

Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$15 n.

Canton Ice \$1 1/4 n.

Cements \$7.90 n.

H.K. Ropes \$4 1/2 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms \$20 n.

Watsons \$4.85 n.

Lane, Crawford's \$6 1/2 n.

Mackintoshes \$5 n.

Singeres \$22.20 n.

Wm. Powells 70 cts. n.

Wing On (H.K.) \$55 n.

Miscellaneous

Entertainments \$4.70 n.

S. C. Enterprises \$1.35 n.

Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n.

Constructions (old) \$1 1/4 n.

Constructions (new) 50 cts. n.

Vibro Piling \$4 n.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G\$Bds—

94% n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4 1/2% prem.

b.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par. n.

Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

BIG FORGERY
"CLEAN-UP"Detective Goes On
Other Work

TWO WOMEN AND MAN

CHARGED

"This is the last big forgery to
be brought to book" said Mr.
Christmas Humphreys, for the
Bank of England, at Billericay,
Essex, Police-court last month.

In court were Gerhardus Johan-
nas, Boddeus, age 49, a photo-
grapher; his daughter, Grace May
Boddeus, aged 21; and Florence
Margaret Gilby, aged 30, all of
Norsey-road, Billericay. All were
charged with being concerned to-
gether in forging Bank of England
notes with intent to defraud.

Mr. Humphreys said that the
charges came as the climax to pro-
longed investigation by Divl. Det.
Insp. Spash. He added: "Divl.
Insp. Spash has so cleaned up the
forgery of Bank of England notes
in this country that he is con-
fident that this is the last big for-
gery to be brought to book. He
is actually being taken off this
work and put upon something else."

"Clever And Intricate"
Speaking of "clever and intri-
cate" inquiries by the police, Mr.
Humphreys said: "They were mak-
ing inquiries in particular to trace
a woman who has now, in terms,
pleaded guilty to uttering—
Wilson, or Gilby, as her real name
is."

"The male defendant, Boddeus,"
said Mr. Humphreys, "lives with
his wife at Thursley, and has
another house, the one mentioned
in these charges, at Norsey-road,
where he lives as Wilson and where
he had this forging plant."

"Gilby lives at the address, that
is, the forging address, as Mrs.
Wilson, and with her lived the
daughter of the male defendant."

With Artist's Brush
Mr. Humphreys said that when
the police visited Norsey-road the
man Boddeus was sitting at a table
with a jeweller's eyeglass in his
eye and an artist's brush in front
of him. He was touching up a
negative and re-arranging a num-
ber upon it. His daughter was
standing with 14 forged notes in
one hand and a paint-brush in the
other.

Gilby was standing beside the
man's chair watching the work he
was doing. She had some knitting
in one hand.

When the officers read out the
nature of the charges the man
Boddeus made a statement which,
said Mr. Humphreys, one might
almost put forward as a confession
of guilt. He said:

"All three are connected with it.
I have never changed any. That
has been done by Mrs. Wilson. I
made the notes and gave them to
her to change. The young girl
helped me to make the notes and
touch them up. I have been at it
for approximately a year and a
half."

"Uttered Them"

Gilby said: "I have not made any
notes, but I have uttered them."

The girl Boddeus replied: "Here
it all is. What can I say?"

Mr. Humphreys said that the
police found 14 forged Bank of
England notes on a sideboard.

33 in a box on the drawing-room
table.

103 genuine £1 notes.
58 genuine 10s notes.

Post Office savings book show-
ing a credit of over £700.

Post Office savings book in the
name of "F. M. Smith," who was
believed to be Gilby, showing a
credit of £21.

Paying in book for a bank ac-
count showing £125 deposited and
nothing drawn out.

Valuable insurance policies.
Those funds seem to show, said
Mr. Humphreys, that crime,

WAR FILMS FOR
CINEMASHired From Museum
At 6s. A Foot

FORMER AIR OFFICER'S

SEARCH REWARDED

Official war films are being
hired for use in ordinary films
and news-reels. The price, says
the annual report of the Imperial
War Museum, is 6s. a foot.

"Before these old silent films
can be injected into modern
sound productions," the report
states, "producers must go to the
expense of 'stretching' them—
printing every second picture—
frame twice to run at the sound
film rate of 24 pictures per second
instead of at the silent film rate
of 16 pictures per second."

The report says a flying officer
who was brought down in No-
Man's Land during the war has
found an air photograph of his
wrecked machine in the museum.

Position Determined

The officer was anxious to deter-
mine the exact position where he
was brought down. The place
was traced for him on the map,
and a search was then made for
an air photograph of the "exact
date of the incident."

A photograph taken from a
height was found, and the officer
saw represented by a small and
unmistakable spot the aeroplane
in which he crashed.

The year's attendance at the
museum was 307,983, compared
with 295,865 in the previous year.

ERMINE EXPECTED

TO BOOM

Coronation Already

Affecting Prices

Tacoma (Washington).

Ermine prices are already
booming in the fur markets of the
north-west of America in antici-
pation of the Coronation of King
Edward VIII. next year.

Fur traders have bought up all
available ermine pelts at the Ta-
coma fur market at prices be-
tween 25 and 50 per cent above
normal.

American ermine is obtained
from an animal known as the
North-west Weasel, which is said
to be closely related to the Rus-
sian ermine. It takes about 150
skins to make an ordinary-sized
ermine cape.

Part of Peak Hill, a Devon
beauty spot near Sidmouth, where
picnic parties used to enjoy mag-
nificent sea views, has collapsed on
to the shore. The landslide in-
volved a stretch of land on the
edge of the 300ft cliff, part of an
adjoining field, and the cliff road-
way.

for a time at any rate, seemed to
stay.

HAPPY VALLEY STABBING

Rejected Suitor Charged

GRAPHIC DETAILS

There was a sequel to the Happy Valley Stabbing Case, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Lam Siu-cho, aged 23, was charged before Mr. Justice Lindsell with wounding Sui Lai-chau, aged 23, a widow, at Happy Valley on January 6, last, with intent to maim, disfigure or disable.

Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. J. B. Prentiss, was for the Crown and the accused was not legally represented. The following comprised the jury: Messrs. T. F. Bradford (foreman), N. Ellis, L. A. Martin, D. J. Noronha, R. A. Silva-Netto, E. O. Murphy and W. M. Barton.

In giving an outline of the case, Mr. Williams said that the victim in the affair was a young widow named Sui Lai-chau who lived with her mother in Hing Fat Street, Happy Valley. The mother owned a tea-shop in Shing Woo Road and the girl acted as the cashier in the shop.

So far as the accused was concerned, Mr. Williams said that he was employed as a fodi in the shop and some time after he came to the shop he formed a liking for the girl who, however, did not return his affections. He finally proposed to the girl, only to be rejected. He persisted in his attentions and finally the girl agreed to marry him, subject to four conditions which were laid down in a letter.

Continuing, Mr. Williams said the girl made a complaint to her mother about the accused on January 4, and in consequence the mother spoke to the accused, who seemed greatly put off. Later on that day he told the mother that he had better go away and left the premises early the next morning.

Girl Threatened

Coming to the day in question, Mr. Williams said that the girl was on her way to the Hong Kong Sanatorium to take an examination when she was accosted by the accused who asked whether she would marry him, adding that if she would not do so he would harm her. Before she could reply, however, he drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed her in the abdomen and as she fell to the ground he stabbed her again—three times. The girl then struggled to her feet, made her way to the Sanatorium, and on her way saw the accused lying on the ground. Both the girl and the accused were treated in the Sanatorium and the Police were sent for. When Inspector Carey arrived in the Sanatorium he had them both removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Dealing with the story told to the Police by the accused, Mr. Williams said that the man had stated that he was walking behind the girl when she suddenly turned round and stabbed him. It was only after he had been thus assaulted that he drew a knife and in turn stabbed the girl. The case is proceeding.

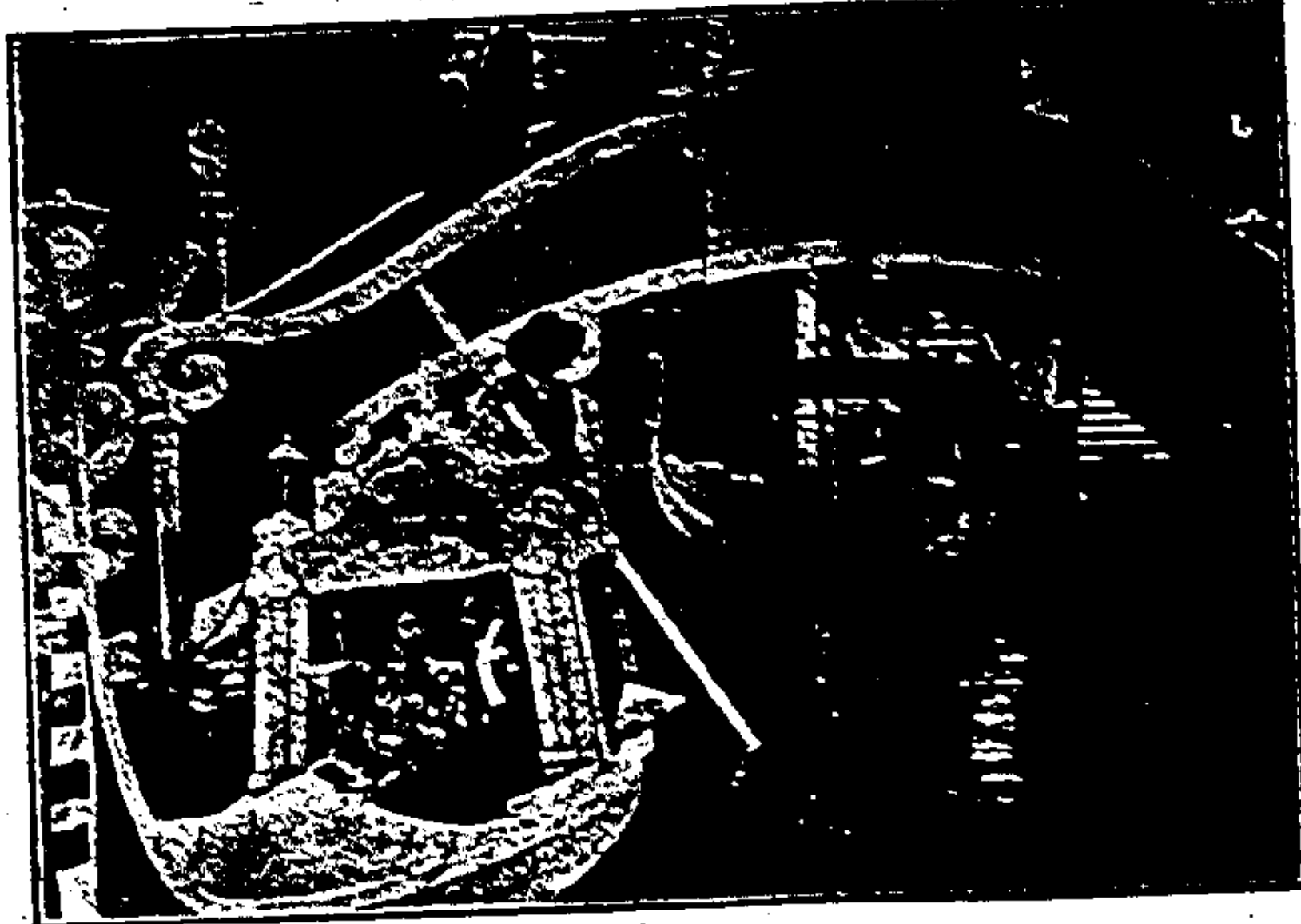
LORRY DRIVER FINED

Under Influence Of Liquor

Lo Wah, licensed driver of lorry No. 1301, was this morning fined \$25, in default one month's hard labour, for driving the lorry along Gloucester Road yesterday at about 8.15 p.m. while under the influence of drink.

Defendant said that he had a little wine with his meal. Sergeant Blackburn said the complainant, a school boy, was cycling and travelling from west to east when the lorry, which was travelling in the same direction, struck the rear wheel of the cycle and damaged it severely. The boy was fortunate not to be killed, as he fell on the left side of the road.

The certificate of Dr. Thomas, to whom the defendant was brought by the Police after the accident, was produced.



Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire are in the RKO production, "Top Hat," which is now being shown at the Oriental Theatre.

WIDOW'S \$8,000 JEWEL LOSS

Night Club Visit With Stranger

AFTER CASUAL MEETING

Mrs. Eugenie Constance Benson, a widow, of Seymour-street, W. told at Marylebone Police-court last month how she missed \$8,000 worth of jewellery after visiting a dance club with a man whom she had met casually at 2 a.m.

In the dock was John Diment, aged 23, a sign-writer, of Tachbrook-street, S.W., charged with stealing the jewellery from Mrs. Benson's home. The property included a pearl necklace valued at \$7,000, a diamond and platinum wristlet watch, a pearl ring worth \$650, and a gold cigarette-case.

Giving evidence, Mrs. Benson said that she suffered from insomnia, and had been in the habit of taking her dog out late at night when she could not sleep.

"About two a.m. on November 24," she said, "I left the house with my dog, which ran in front of me. A man picked it up and brought it back. That man was Diment, who was in evening dress. I thanked him and invited him in for a drink.

"He said that he was interested in dancing, and, remarking that I looked depressed, suggested that I would be a good idea to go to a dance club. I was very bored, so I went.

"He called a taxi and we drove off together. On the way I gave him my wallet, which contained a £5 note, three £1 notes and a 5s note, three 1s notes and a 6d. We went to a club, which I believe was in Wardour-street.

"Before we entered the club he spoke to a man and a woman. I did not know them, but we all went together into the club and sat at a table. Drinks were ordered, and I had a whisky, and also danced. After three-quarters of an hour Diment suggested that we should go back to my house and have a drink there."

Mr. S. Coleman (prosecuting): Who paid the expenses at the club?—Diment did—out of the £5 note from my wallet.

All four of them went to her house in a taxi, continued Mrs. Benson, arriving there at about 3.45 a.m. A drink was poured out for each, and Diment put on a gramophone record. The other two left the house after about half an hour.

"I was feeling very ill," Mrs. Benson added. "I felt as if I had never felt before—very heavy and dozy. I went to bed. Diment helped me upstairs as far as the first floor. My bed-room is on the second floor.

"I don't remember any more. I felt awful. I just got into bed and passed out, I think."

She added that she woke at about 1 p.m. and, going to her dressing table found the jewellery had gone. She rang up the police. Mr. Coleman said that on January 4 Diment went to Mrs. Benson's flat again and said, "I must see you alone about some jewels you lost before Christmas." He represented himself to be the man to whom Mrs. Benson had been introduced at the club, and not the man who had picked up the dog. He said that, for a reward, he would try to get the jewellery back.

Later Mrs. Benson telephoned for the police. When Diment was searched a note case was found on him which Mrs. Benson would identify as her property.

Inspector Leonard Stevenson handed to the magistrate (Mr. Ivan Snell) a statement, and said that it had been voluntarily made by Mr. Snell remarked that there was plenty in it on which to base a

AIR SERVICE TO EUROPE

Hong Kong—Penang Route

FORMAL OPENING BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Imperial Airways (Far East) Ltd., announces that final approval has been received for the operation of a commercial air service between Hong Kong and Penang, following the route established by experimental flights.

The service will be once weekly in each direction and connection will be made at Penang with the through England-Australia services. The first outward bound aircraft is expected to leave Penang on Monday, March 23, arriving in Hong Kong on Tuesday, the 24th, and the first homeward bound service will leave Hong Kong on Friday, March 27. It is possible that on subsequent flights the departure from Penang will be advanced to Sunday, with arrival in Hong Kong on Monday, and that the departure from Hong Kong will be retarded to Saturday—thus reducing the through time to and from London.

Satisfactory Type

The route will be operated by the D.H.86 type of aircraft which has given such satisfactory performances on the experimental flights, and which is extensively used by Imperial Airways in Europe and by Qantas Empire Airways on the Singapore-Brisbane sector of the Australian route.

The fares to London, Penang, and Singapore have been established as follows:

London	£175
Penang	30
Singapore	35

Fares to other ports will be announced later.

It is understood that the airmail rates are now receiving consideration and that an announcement will shortly be made by the postal authorities.

An office is being opened by Imperial Airways (Far East) Ltd., at No. 4, The Arcade, Peninsula Hotel, the anticipated opening date being Monday, March 23. In the meantime enquiries regarding the service should be addressed to Mr. M. H. Curtis, Room 201, Peninsula Hotel.

RIVERSIDE WORK BEGUN

\$15,000 Promenade For Windsor

Windsor: Windsor is to have one of the finest riverside promenades on the Thames. Work was begun last month on a £15,000 scheme which will give work to the local unemployed throughout the winter.

The scheme provides for the laying out of riverside gardens, grass terraces, paved walks, and an avenue of trees. Seats will be let into a rocky, and the whole promenade, stretching from a point just above Windsor Bridge to the corporation baths, nearly a mile in length, will be illuminated at night.

LORD WAKEFIELD'S \$200 GIFT

Viscount Wakefield has sent \$200 towards the expenses of an English team of model aeroplane enthusiasts, who are going to America in June to compete for the Wakefield International Cup.

Diment was remanded in custody for a week.

FASHIONS FROM THE CHINESE

INFLUENCE OF THE EXHIBITION

ECHOES IN LATEST LONDON OFFERINGS

London. With a Chinese Art Exhibition drawing London to Burlington House, it was inevitable that London fashions should tend toward the Chinese, much in the same way as Paris fashions, following the recent Italian art exhibition held there, tended toward the Italian.

It did not seem in the least strange to see flat Botticelli curls adorning Parisian heads, Giotto caps adding to the interest of the city's most fashionable quarters, and Florentine boots gracing Paris drawing rooms, and although, geographically, Peiping and London are further apart than Rome and Paris, it comes as a natural course of events to find Chinese form and colourings not only hinted at in the latest fashions but, in some cases, influencing the entire model.

Chinese art is evidenced in many of the designs of the newest materials, a Bianchini production, suitable for frocks or costumes, having an elaborate Chinese design in red and green on a powder-blue ground. Chinese hats have put in an appearance in an Oxford Street window, and flat Chinese umbrellas of green oiled silk are adding a note of interest and colour to rainy days.

Spring Fancies

In his early spring collection Ronald Morrell frankly foregrounds the part he believes Chinese influence will undoubtedly play in this year's fashions, his models being directly inspired by a close study of early Chinese art covering a period of extreme simplicity and subtly blended colourings. The actual tints of the marvellous patina seen on bronzes that have lain buried for thousands of years, are successfully reproduced in woollens for suitings after expert dyeing, and the actual effect of the glazed and hand-moulded ceramics has been obtained by using specially prepared materials with a glazed and porcelain surface.

Chinese Sense Of Humour

For an answer to the all-important question as to where the waistline shall be, Mr. Morrell consulted two of the loveliest statues of Chinese goddesses, draping his waistlines accordingly, and for the exquisite embroidery on his evening gowns he studied the designs found on ancient vases.

The strong sense of humour possessed by the Chinese has not been overlooked, and is particularly noticeable in a comic little red and yellow duck design that gives gaiety to a black crepe afternoon gown.

Plumage plays an important part as coat revers, collars, belts and cuffs in this collection, a fine net of brown silk being used to keep the feathers in place. Chinese duck and pheasant plumage is used successfully in combination with Scotch tweeds and other woollen materials, a street ensemble, consisting of a three-quarter woollen coat of green and bronze plaid over a beige dress with high Chinese collar, having coat revers of tiny green-bronze feathers matching a feather belt.

Ceramic Effects. An outstanding example of the possibility of reproducing ceramic effects in materials is a "porcelain" gown of Chinese white satin, an exact copy of a ninth-century vase, the remarkable likeness having been obtained by lacquering a faintly tinted duck-egg blue satin and quilting a deep border round the hem to give the embossed effect of the original.

Birds and blossoms found in Chinese pictures have inspired much of the embroidery, a large bird, carried out in slightly tinted white wool, which decorates the front of a silk blouse, being an exact copy of one found in an old print.

Angel Fish. A design of angel-fish in all their lovely colourings is remarkably effective on a white evening gown, a sea-water effect being produced by a flowing iridescent tulle cape which is worn with it, the cape being garnished at the neckline with real sea shells and green silk seaweed.

Exact copies of fabulous Chinese animals in bronze and gilt, and carved designs in coral and jade, form the elaborate buckles and ornaments. In one case a round wooden Chinese barometer has been reproduced as a belt clasp to give added interest to a soft suit, the ribbon, clothed through the clasp, hanging in two green and red tassels.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Owing to indisposition, the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, was unable to take the services at St. Andrew's Church yesterday. The Rev. H. W. Baines, of St. John's Cathedral, deputised. The morning service was broadcast.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Arts Association, an Address, will be given by Professor W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., A.M.I.E.E., in Room K at the University on Thursday next, March 19, at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "The Great Ice Age." A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia is due at Hong Kong from Vancouver on April 9 and will leave the same afternoon for Manila.

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, on her round-the-world cruise, is due at Manila from Padang Bay on Wednesday morning and will arrive in Hong Kong at 7 a.m. next Friday.

LOSS TO LEGAL PROFESSION

MR. C. E. L. GRIST PASSES

MAN OF WIDE INTERESTS

The death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital, in the early hours of this morning, of Mr. Charles Edward Laurence Grist, the well-known solicitor of the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. Grist had only been admitted to the hospital a week ago and news of his death has cast a gloom over a large circle of friends.

The son of Mr. E. J. Grist, who was one of the founders of the well-known legal firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, deceased, was born in Hong Kong and received his education at Shrewsbury. After his education at Home, he returned to the Colony and was articled to Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, and when he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, in 1923, he remained with the firm started by his father, who retired in 1923.

The late Mr. Grist was a very keen yachtsman for many years, while, as an owner, he was also keenly identified with racing at Happy Valley. He leaves a widow, his parents and a sister to mourn his loss.

The funeral will take place this evening, passing the Monument at 5 p.m. No flowers by request.

WOMAN DIES IN CHURCH

Offering Thanks For Birth Of Son

Cowes (I.W.): While following the priest to the altar at All Saints' Church, Gurnard, last month to offer prayers of thanks for the birth of a son, Mrs. Rose Fuller, of Gurnard, collapsed, and died before medical aid could be given.

The priest, the Rev. W. D. W. Greenham, said that the mother was overjoyed at the birth of a son four weeks ago. She was anxious to attend the church and offer thanks.

Very Cheerful

"She had brought an offering of money and was very cheerful when I met her and her friends at the church entrance," he said. "She said that the baby boy was well and strong and he was to be christened to-morrow."

"Mrs. Fuller walked up the aisle behind me. As I opened the Prayer Book I saw her fall to the ground."

Mr. Greenham added that he carried the woman to a pew and then ran to the vicarage. He called a doctor, but the woman was dead when Dr. O'Donoghue arrived. Mrs. Fuller was 36, and her husband has been an invalid for some time. They have five children.

and ornaments. In one case a round wooden Chinese barometer has been reproduced as a belt clasp to give added interest to a soft suit, the ribbon, clothed through the clasp, hanging in two green and red tassels.

PUNJAB REGIMENT ATHLETIC HEATS

THRILLING SPORT IN KOWLOON

GOOD TIMES RECORDED IN 220 DASH

Some very good sport was witnessed at the heats of the 1/8 Punjab Regiment Athletic meeting, which were held on the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, this morning, and some excellent times were recorded in the 220 Yards dash, the best time for which was 24 1-5 seconds on a bumpy grass track!

The best races of the day were seen in the 120 Yards High Hurdles and much amusement was caused just before the start of the first heat, when a gust of wind blew down all the hurdles.

Lieut. Walker, who is the only European Officer competing at the meeting, won his heats, both in the High Hurdles and in the 220 Yards sprint, although he was fully extended.

Several other heats will be held this afternoon and the finals will take place to-morrow.

Points Standing

The following were the standings at the tiffin interval:	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	H.Q.W.
3 Miles	61	38	48	50	13
Putting the Shot	10	6	13	19	7
Discus Throw	13	6	13	19	4
Hammer Throw	3	7	13	19	13
120 High Hurdles	26	14	32	24	24
220 Yards Dash	34	18	22	24	22
Totals	147	89	141	155	83

McGREGOR WINS

Bogey Pool At Fanling

R. H. McGregor (8) and J. G. Coteworth (17), with one down, tied in the Bogey (Par) Pool competition over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end. There were 14 entries.

McGregor was adjudged the winner as he had the best score over the last nine holes.

D. S. Edward (75-3=72) qualified for the Adamson Cup (March) at the Valley.

AMBULANCE CUP MEETING

Programme For Kwanti

The following is the programme for the Ambulance Cup Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club at Kwanti on April 4:

3.30 p.m.—Race No. 1—"The Ambulance Cup"—Over a country course of approximately 3 miles finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies that in the opinion of the Committee are bona fide Hunters. Winner of a Country Race this season barred. Catchweight 145 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race No. 2—"The Ladies' Race"—Over a country course of approximately 3 miles finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies that in the opinion of the Committee are bona fide Hunters. Winner of a Country Race this season barred. Catchweight 145 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race No. 3—"The Dowbiggin Trophy"—Over a country course of approximately 3 miles finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies that in the opinion of the Committee are bona fide Hunters. Winner of a Country Race this season barred. Catchweight 145 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Entries close to the Secretaries, Messrs. Thomson & Company, York Building, Chater Road, at Noon, on Tuesday, March 24.

FIREMAN'S FUNERAL

Firemen in full uniform followed the coffin of Fred A. Butcher, for nearly 30 years a member of the Hornsey Brigade.

SKIPPER REWARDED

Skipper George Abram, of the Fleetwood trawler Edward Walmley, has been awarded a silver bowl for skill in assisting the trawler "Diocian" in distress during an Atlantic gale.



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MAN'S FIGHT FOR LIFE

Sir B. Spilsbury's Evidence

INQUEST IN HEDGE MURDER MYSTERY

Evidence suggesting a desperate fight for life was given at the inquest at St. Albans last month on the man until then described as Emil Allard, aged 55, a French Canadian jeweller, of James-street, Oxford-street, W.

The man was found shot dead under a hedge in a lane between St. Albans and Hatfield the week before.

It was later revealed that his real name was Max Kassel. Sir Bernard Spilsbury, giving evidence, said:

Minor injuries, on face and hands, might have been caused in a struggle.

Two bullet wounds in one hand suggested an attempt to protect the body.

Of the five bullets, causing six wounds, two were fired from the front, one from the back and two from the right side.

The inquest was held at St. Albans. Mr. T. Ottaway was the coroner.

Real Name Revealed

The first witness took the oath in Jewish fashion, and asked that his name and address should not be disclosed. He wrote them on a piece of paper.

Mr. Ottaway: Is there any special reason?

My mother is very, very ill, and so far we have kept the news from her.

Witness said he was a fur cutter, and identified the body at St. Albans Mortuary.

"I have since found," he continued, "that his real name was Max Kassel. So far as I know, he was a single man. His father's name was Hyman Kassel. He is dead."

Witness added that he first saw Allard in the East End of London in 1913, when Allard went to his house. It was a friendly call.

Allard did not tell him then where he had come from, how long he was going to be in this country, where he was going, or what was his business. He next saw Allard about two and a half years ago in Oxford-street.

Came From Abroad

The Coroner: Did you ascertain where he had come from?—No.

Did he tell you what he was doing in this country?—He had been back only a few days, and I do not think he told me then what he was doing. I knew he came from abroad.

Since then, continued witness, he had seen him five or six times. Another man was nearly always present.

I don't want you to give his name, but did you know the other man?—Not until I had been introduced to him by Allard.

The last time he saw Allard was about a fortnight before his death, said witness. Allard told him that he was a jeweller.

Selling Jewellery

What sort of jewellery was he selling?—He only once showed me a woman's wrist-watch, and asked me whether I could sell it for



A scene from "Strike Me Pink," Eddie Cantor's latest picture, which will be coming to the King's Theatre soon.

DEFENCE MINISTRY IN BRITAIN*(Continued from Page 6)*

The Navy cannot protect us against disaster on this score. In the face of sustained bombing attack against our ocean convoys all the King's ships and all the King's men, and the total weight of the fleet, amount to nothing more than a floating anti-aircraft armament of a hugely expensive kind, which could just as well be provided by the convoy itself.

Loose Phrase

The equalisation of our own with any other Air Force within striking distance appears to be our last word on this subject. Yet it is a loose phrase and apt to be meaningless.

As an instance only, Paris lies at twice the distance from the cliffs of Dover that London lies from the cliffs of Boulogne, and while this would not mean precisely a double power of offensive by France as against England, parity presumed, it would bestow on the former country the advantage of a much greater frequency of attack.

These vital problems and the implications to which they give rise are propounded in this article for a very specific purpose.

If aircraft have utterly changed the face of war (and who can doubt it), then it stands to reason that we, so peculiarly and precariously situated, should readjust our system of defence. The air is already supreme as a weapon of war and it continually gains strength.

At the very least there must now arise an authority to co-ordinate our forces of the land, sea and air, and to discriminate between their rival claims. Dying the Great War the desirability was recognised; subsequently it became necessary; now it is essential.

through the right kidney, and liver, was the most dangerous, and was mostly responsible for death. The fourth, through the shoulder, was also dangerous.

How Shots Were Fired

Describing how the shots were fired, Sir Bernard said:

"Bullet wounds numbers one and two were produced by a weapon which was fired from the front of the deceased. Number three was fired from the back, and number four from the right side."

"In the case of number five, through the hand, the weapon was discharged somewhere in front of the deceased, depending largely on his position at the time. It suggests that the hand was protecting the body."

Wounds number three and four could not have been self-inflicted, and it was very improbable that number five was. There was no indication that the weapon was discharged close to the man.

The power of penetration, added Sir Bernard, was poor, as four of the five bullets were found in the body. The wounds were all caused within a very short time of one another, and during life.

The injuries on the face were consistent with blows by an object such as a fist. Other minor injuries might have been caused in a struggle.

The coroner adjourned the inquest sine die.

BAKED 40 YEARS AGO

A loaf baked 40 years ago is in the possession of Mr. C. Small, of Faller Farm, Smarden, Kent.

It was baked by his mother in accordance with an old Wealden legend that a loaf made without yeast on a Good Friday will keep forever. The loaf weighs 1½ ounces, is six inches long and

wounds. Number three, passing eight inches round.

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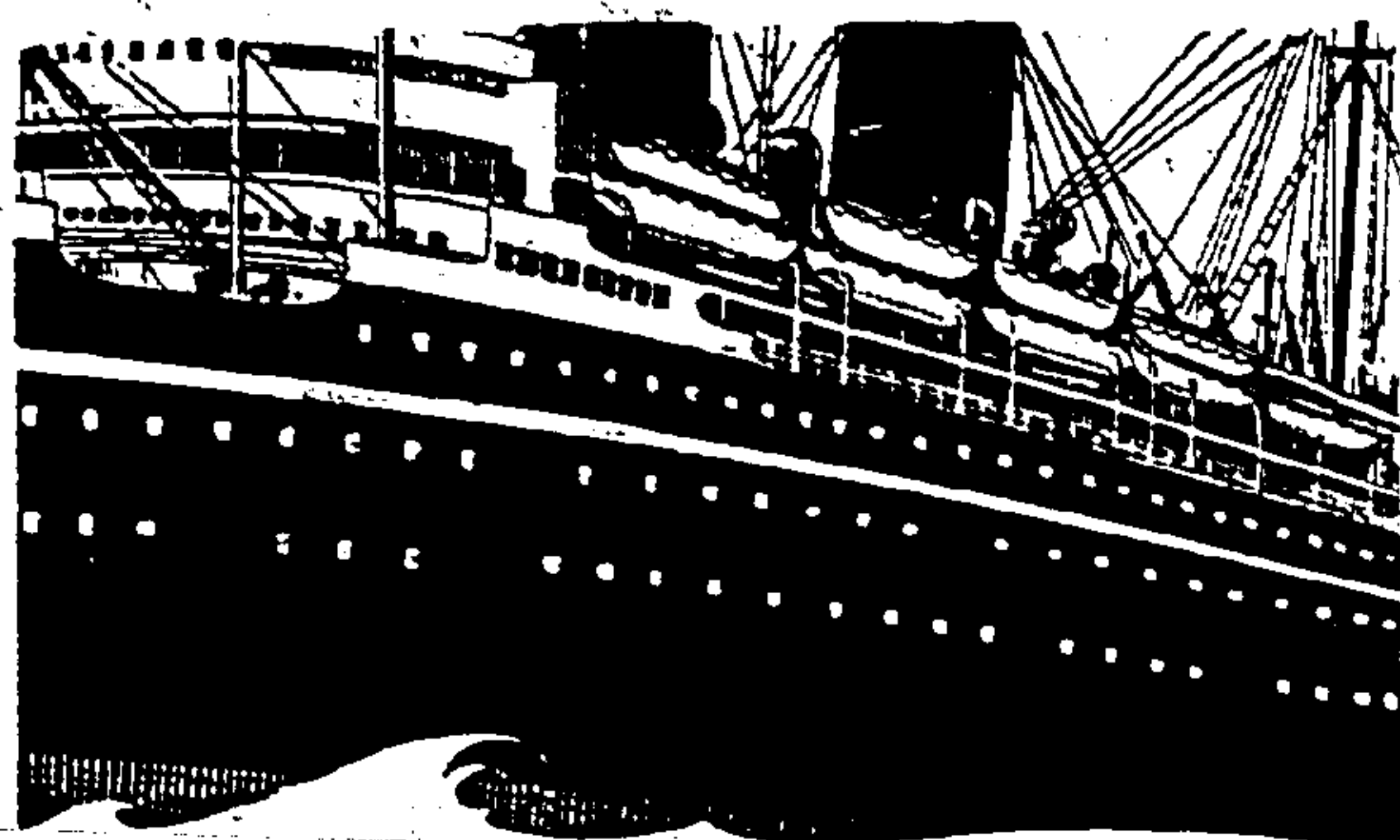
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Warning Congress that an alarming condition exists on one of America's coasts, requiring the immediate attention of the American coastal defence, Representative Tilman Parks of Arkansas, chairman of the sub-committee handling the War Department appropriations, led the fight in the Lower House for the adoption of the nation's largest peace-time military budget. Mr. Parks told his fellow-legislators that the condition was so alarming that Congress could not be advised of it publicly. Some of the arms of the American coast defence are here shown in action, big coast defence and anti-aircraft guns, and navy aeroplanes.

The Old Lady Returns

(Continued from Page 7.)

"You're a sentimental fool!" shouts the Devil. "What have I to do with mullin stalks or their with me? Get down on your groined old knees and pray to the Lord Almighty for forgiveness on your soul!"

"You want to get rid of me," says the old lady patiently. "You want to get me out of here and into Heaven. But it's earth I'm asking for." And she set her iron rocker into tapping. Up and down, monotonous as rain.

And on she went, and the damned old people drew up close around her with their pipes and knitting needles, and they listened to the old lady with homesickness growing up enormous in their hearts. They rocked and listened until the Devil was exasperated beyond all reason.

"She makes no effort!" he shouted. "No effort in the least! If she'd only pray one single prayer we'd have her out of here by noon." And he rolled his eyes toward Heaven invisible.

"We might petition for her," says the secretary. "The times I've heard, have changed—"

"She wouldn't sign it," says the gloomy Devil. "She says it was no sin. And it's earth, not Heaven, that she's thinking of—her cursed old forty acres that she can't forget. Pumpkins—pumpkins—beard-tongue and daisies—yellow chats—spinach—mulberry trees!"—his voice rose up into a shriek and he jumped up in the air. "Let her go!" he howls. "Let her stay up there as long as she wants!" And he collapsed in tears.

Thus it came about that they opened Hell's door, and the old lady went out to start on her upward path toward earth.

"Good-bye," she said, and wiped her eyes. She patted old Cerberus on several of his heads and stroked his paws. "I had a dog like one of these," she starts to say, "but a very gentle soul. I can recall—"

"Never mind," says the Devil nervously. "You'd best be getting on."

"It's not been bad—for Hell," the old lady says with kindly meaning. "But I shan't be back of course." And her eyes take on a mystic glow. "You've been most kind," she says and walks off fast in the smoky vells.

It was a long, dark way, a lonely way, with caverned mists on every side. Dark, but no mistaking it—even come down as she had, 50 years ago, half blind with tears. "Things will be changed," she says to herself.

"Things will be changed. More trees, perhaps. The buck-brush spread, and the young hard-maples grown enormous. Eld was a good boy in his way. He loved a high outfield and a honeysuckle. He liked a rail fence, but cut no saplings down. And John was not

a bad son either. There was the quiet of the fields in John—the dignity of quiet fields—"

Then the old lady thinks of her husband, Mather, a good, kind man and a handsome youth. Yes, a handsome youth with a way of love—ah, a way of love that had ended her up in this dark place all for a night too flooded up with stars, and wild grape coming on the air.

It was a long way, and no one passed her on the road; and she recalled, too, how none had come to Hell in all the past few years, which seems a strange thing; but she thinks perhaps the ghosts all go up to Heaven now, and marvels how much man must have changed in this short time—if indeed, time goes on the same above and below. And she goes on up the long path, thinking how the apple trees may have grown, and the ivy must be three feet deep along the stones. She wonders what season of year it might be now, and whether she will walk up to spring or fall, but it matters little, just so there is green earth again.

And now she is near the air which globes the earth, and her hands get cold and full of prickles, and her old knees tremble to and fro. She thought to die, perhaps, of too much happiness, and her feet were hard to move. Then the light comes pouring down through a great hole, and she has forgotten how blinding bright it was so that at first her eyes can see nothing at all—and then she finds herself come out on the great mountain top of death, looking down on all the world.

"It is so bright," says the old lady, "I can hardly see. And there is some mistake. Some horrible mistake!" She looked down on earth, and saw the strange thing it had come to be. There was no spear of grass, no rib of leaf, no sign nor shadow of a tree. Not even wraith or ghost of any green thing growing. And earth was thronged and plastered, crossed and counter-crossed with great white roads that led into each other until not even the thickness of a spider-web could come between. And the ocean was crossed and counter-crossed with great white bridges so that no drop of water could be seen should a person stop to peer. But no one did. Instead they went on rushing back and forth, around and around the earth like whirling beetles on the endless surface of a pond.

And there was no green spot on earth. Not one.

[THE END]

HER 103RD BIRTHDAY

Miss Lydia Pallot, aunt of the late Sir Hedley de Bas, celebrated her 103rd birthday at St. Helier, Jersey, last month.

VERDICTS

(Continued from Page 4.)

Club Wingers Again Shine

The Club forwards were in fine form and Fowler and Bickford, on the right and left wings, respectively, were among their most dangerous forwards after Pearce and Wilson had made the openings.

Not Howling Success

Lawton, the East Lancs. former pivot, was introduced into the attack as leader, but was not quite the success expected.

Good Forward Play

Sandford and Riding were again the pick of the soldiers' attack and accomplished all that was expected of them. The manner in which they drew the South China halves before parting with the ball was a treat to watch.

Kowloon Wake Up

A fine defence, backed up by a forward line who displayed ability, speed and quick-thinking, spelt disaster to South China "A" in their clash against Kowloon on Saturday.

Halves Disappoint

The most disappointing feature of the South China "A" defence was the inability of Lau Hing-choi and Lau Wing-kam to cover their respective wingers effectively. Lee Kwok-wai, however, performed yeoman service in the centre-half berth.

Dangerous Wing

The champions' attack was decidedly lacking in thrustfulness and Wong Mee-shun and Wong King-chung were the only two forwards to show any initiative in their moves, this wing taking a great deal of checking in the opening half.

Kam Sik-wai Fails

Tao Kwai-shing displayed glimpses of speed, but Ip Pak-wai could make little headway, while in the centre Kam Sik-wai was an abject failure.

Quite Determined

The Navy juniors seem quite determined to capture the Second Division Championship as their game against the powerful East Lancs. side last Saturday will bear witness, and it was once again Spencer who gave them victory.

Unlucky East Lancs.

The East Lancs. juniors suffered two casualties which may or may not have had a good deal to do with their defeat. Walkden was injured early on and was practically a passenger through-

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UNIVERSITY FARE BADLY

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at Pokfulam, which seems a pity, for they are about the keenest side in the League. When it came to their turn to bat on Saturday only L. H. Tan could cope with the R.E. bowling and, despite his 34, the side only managed 78.

In the only other League match of the afternoon, the C.C.C. juniors beat the H.K.C.C. second eleven by 9 wickets at Happy Valley. The Club, playing one man short, batted first and scored 84 runs. H. J. Armstrong, who is not playing as regularly this season as in previous years, showed that he is still a very useful man for junior cricket by scoring 43, but he could find nobody to stay with him. W. K. Way, the C.C.C. slow bowler, turned out to be their most successful one for the afternoon, taking 4 wickets for only 10 runs.

The Club beat Craigengower by 23 runs, while the K.C.C., who had a free day, played amongst themselves. The Civil Service Navy match was called off at about 11 a.m., the respective captains fearing that the rain would not hold off.

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The Friendlies

In a friendly match the Indian Recreation Club took 281 runs off the East Lancs. Bowling to beat them, comfortably. M. P. Madar at last produced good batting form, scoring 50 odd runs, while F. D. Pereira hit out to good advantage, including a brace of sixes in his 53 not out.

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Engineers	20	12	6	2	32	36	26
Rifles	17	10	4	2	17	23	26
South China	20	11	8	1	42	23	26
R. A. S. C.	20	10	7	3	49	37	23
A.S.C.C.	19	8	7	4	35	30	20
Club	22	6	13	3	32	61	15
Eastern	19	5	10	4	36	49	14
University	18	4	11	3	35	73	11
Kowloon	22	4	17	1	19	96	9
Kowloon	18	4	14	1	22	29	8
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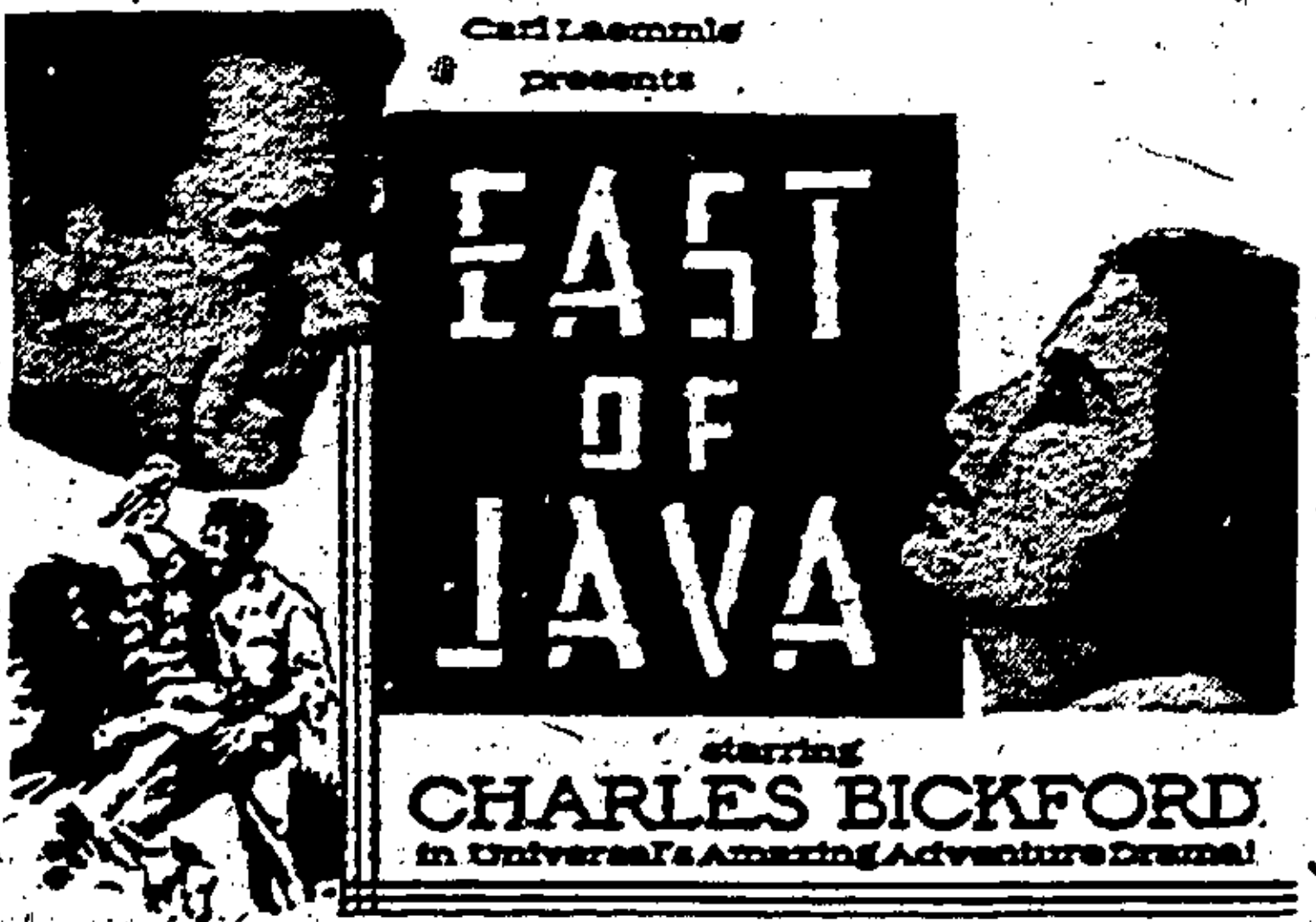
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OPINIONS ON THE CRISIS PRINCIPLES AT STAKE

INTERNATIONAL MORALITY OR
RULE OF FORCE?

London, To-day.
Six Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Winston Churchill both spoke of the crisis at Birmingham on Saturday night. Mr. Churchill, who declared that whatever befell there could be no question of England repudiating her solemn obligations, urged that in conformity with the French offer, the bearing of the Franco-Soviet Pact on the Locarno Treaties should be submitted to the World Court, but "Germany must be encouraged to place herself within the law as a preliminary to all discussion about future."

Sir Austen Chamberlain recalled the origins of the Locarno Treaties, which, he said, were a contribution more to the security of Germany than of France. What was the stake, he declared, was this. "Is there any international morality or law, or have we returned to the rule of force, in which the strongest does what he likes and the weakest goes to the wall?"—British Wireless Service.

"CASE OF 'DIVINE RETRIBUTION?'"

Ship's Captain
Disappears

San Francisco: Capt. Edward McLellan, commander of the troopship Republic, mysteriously disappeared from his ship last month as the vessel was approaching San Francisco, returning from Honolulu.

The Republic was carrying the ashes of six Army aviation officers recently killed in a mid-air crash of two bombing planes during the manoeuvres at Honolulu, and also the remains of Father Damien, the leper priest from Molokai, which were recently interred for reburial in his native country in the cathedral at Louvain.

Reports from Honolulu state that the superstitious natives there, who consider graves as holy ground, regard the captain's disappearance as Divine retribution for the violation of Father Damien's grave. The beatification of Father Damien is expected shortly in Rome.

CANNON-FODDER IN TURKEY

Medals For Mothers;
Cash For Fathers

Istanbul.
Medals for mothers and cash for fathers is the means the Turkish Government has adopted to encourage a rising birthrate.

"Large-family Meritorious Medals" are being struck for presentation to wives of Government officials who have had six children or more.

At the same time, prizes of 450 each are being paid to officials who have become fathers of five children since 1930.

POLICE SURGEON FINED

Driving Without
Due Care

Dr. Henry Frederick Hiscocks, assistant police surgeon at Southend, was last month fined £5 at the local court for driving without due care and attention. It was stated on his way to the hospital he collided with a motorcyclist, who was injured.

The Chief Constable said it was not very pleasant to prosecute a police surgeon, but if a person committed an offence it did not matter who he was.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has continued to move eastward, and is now centred over Kiusiu, South Japan. East winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, some drizzle or light rain, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

SPANISH RIOTS CONTINUE RADICAL ORGY OF ARSON

CHURCHES AND BUILDINGS
DESTROYED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.
Serious disorders are again reported, this time from Logroño, centre of well-known winegrowing district, where Syndicalists and Communists set fire to a cinema, the party offices of the Monarchists, Catholic Action and Radicals, and six churches and monasteries.

One police Lieutenant was killed, and many persons were injured in the shooting which took place between the rioters and the police, but the exact number is still unknown.

The Government has now decided to take energetic steps against the rioters and incendiaries, according to a statement by the Minister of Interior, who informed pressmen that the Civil Guard, troops and police will be kept in a state of alarm in order to prevent further cases of burning of churches and monasteries, especially strict measures being taken in the provinces. — Trans-Ocean Service.

POLITICS IN GREECE

Revolt Leaders To Be
Reinstated

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.

It is understood that the new Greek Government intends to reinstate some of the army officers who took part in the March revolution last year. It will be recalled that this question, when first raised some time ago, aroused bitter opposition among Monarchist and army circles. — Trans-Ocean Service.

BASIS OF EQUALITY ESSENTIAL

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FLANDIN'S STATEMENT
Later: "I came to London to have the violation of Locarno recorded. I will not agree to discuss anything else, and if necessary, I shall leave London and even the Council temporarily," declared M. Flandin regarding Germany's second condition. The reply is likely to be unacceptable in its present form, according to certain delegations represented on the Council, which consider that the Council must first pronounce the verdict that Locarno has been violated before it can discuss Herr Hitler's counter-proposals.

It is pointed out that Germany's acceptance on a basis of equality rules out the question of any vote of censure, while it is regarded as impossible that that country, whose violation of an international treaty is being considered, should simultaneously expect discussion of the alternative suggestions it has presented instead of the treaty it has flouted.

SECRET MEETING
Later: It is now practically certain that a secret meeting of the Council will be held this morning.

WARNING AGAINST SANCTIONS
Berlin: The cancellation of the German interest payments on foreign debts and inability ever to repay the principal will be the first outcome of sanctions against Germany, according to the *Frankfurter Zeitung*. — Reuter.

ACTIVITY IN LONDON

London: The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, spent a considerable time yesterday with the officials at the Foreign Office, but there were no formal Ministerial talks of any kind. Pending receipt by the Secretary-General of the League in London of the German reply to the Council's invitation, there has been comparative lull in negotiations. It is known that the British member of the Council was one of those who gave the strongest support at Saturday's private meeting to the proposal that a special invitation should be addressed to the German Government to take its part in the examination of the matter which has been brought before the League by the French and Belgian Governments, and it is understood

CRUISES FOR WORKERS "Strength Through Joy" Movement

HOLIDAY VOYAGES TO
FOREIGN CLIMES

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Hamburg, To-day.
Approximately 5,000 workers from all parts of Germany left here yesterday for a fortnight's holiday voyage to Lisbon and Madeira. This, the first trip undertaken this year under the auspices of the "Strength through Joy" organisation, will be followed by many other similar cruises to the Atlantic islands and Norwegian fjords.

The organisation has bought four steamers and placed an order for the construction of a fifth for the express purpose of affording German workers the opportunity to make sea voyages at minimum cost, in accordance with the German Labour Front's unique scheme of providing the workers with the fullest possible means of enjoying their holidays.

It was announced yesterday that this year no less than 160,000 workers will take part in these cruises. The leader of the German Labour Front, Dr. Robert Ley, in bidding the holiday-makers good-bye, stated that nothing characterises the new trend in Germany better than the fact that German workers are now able to visit foreign countries as representatives of Germany and messengers of her goodwill. — Trans-Ocean Service.

HEIRLOOM IN MAN'S WILL

Half-Sovereign As A
Mascot

A half-sovereign has been left as a mascot by Mr. C. H. Ellis, of Rodehurst-road, Clapham, to his grand-daughter, Maureen Ellis. He states in his will:

"The half-sovereign was given to me by my grandmother. I desire that my grand-daughter will never part with it, unless she is in want of bread, but will keep it as a mascot and hand it down to her descendants."

Mr. Ellis, who was a former departmental manager and buyer to Messrs. W. Whiteley, Ltd., left £12,527.

FRENCH VIEWPOINT

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In the opinion of the *Petit Parisien*, the French Government intends to put forward the proposal that the whole matter be put up to the International Court of Justice at the Hague, which would have to decide whether the ratification of the Franco-Russian Pact, which Germany takes as justification for the reoccupation of the demilitarised zone, justifies this action of the German Government. — Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITISH OPINION

London: Comment on the international situation in yesterday's newspapers was affected by uncertainty as to the German reply to the invitation to attend the League Council. Both "Scrutator" in the *Sunday Times* and Mr. J. L. Garvin in the *Observer* examined the crisis in all its implications and each in a different manner stressed that it was the supreme task before the statesmen to avoid dangers and to seize the opportunities of the situation. The *Sunday Times* in a leading article joined in the appeal to the German Chancellor to make a gesture, on the grounds that the issues boiled down very largely to a question of confidence. "Let it be repeated that it is not the German claim or the German offer but the German method which has made Europe's present crisis perilous." — British Wireless Service.

that the British Ambassador in Berlin, Sir Eric Phipps, has informed the German Government of the great importance which the British Government attaches to acceptance of this invitation, as facilitating difficult negotiations and being an earnest of the desire for an amicable settlement. News of the receipt of the German reply was therefore eagerly awaited in London all day. — British Wireless Service.

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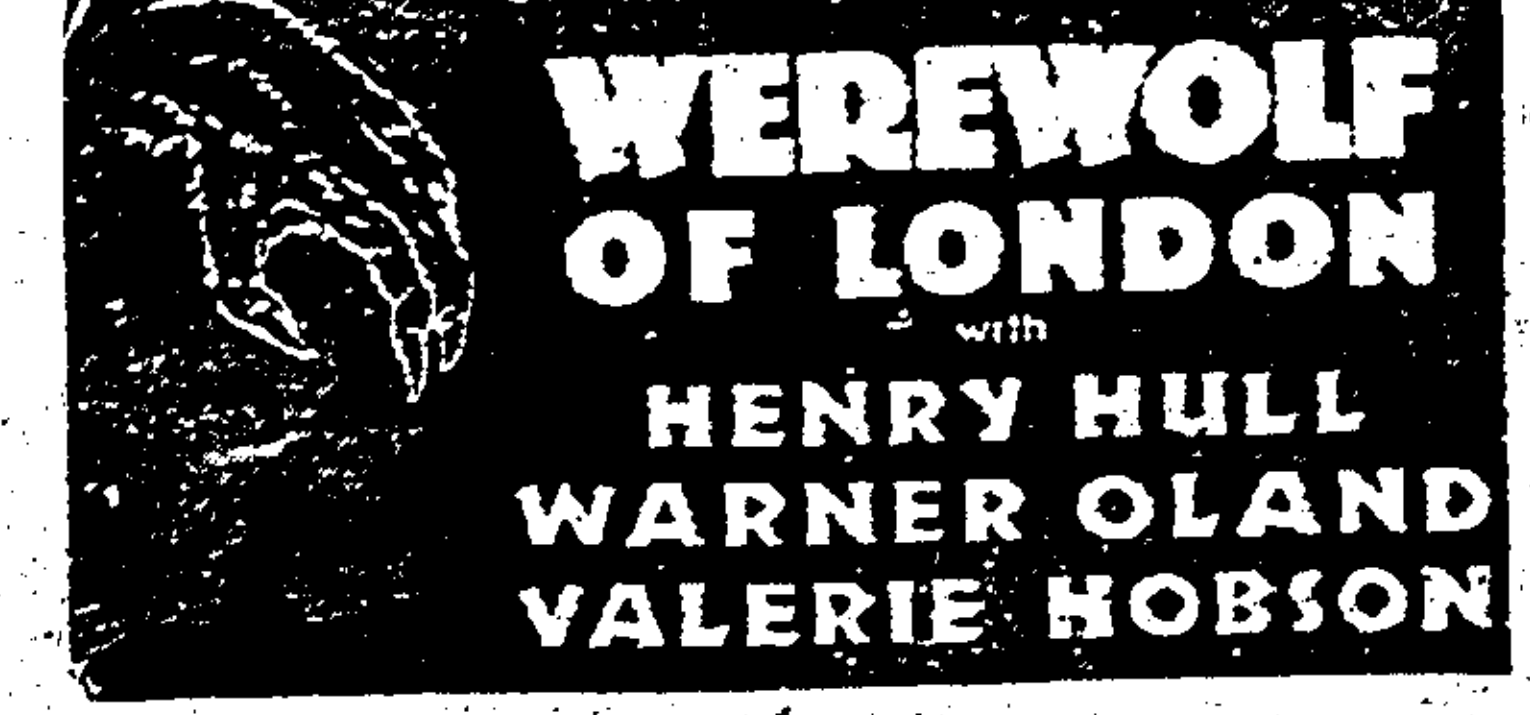
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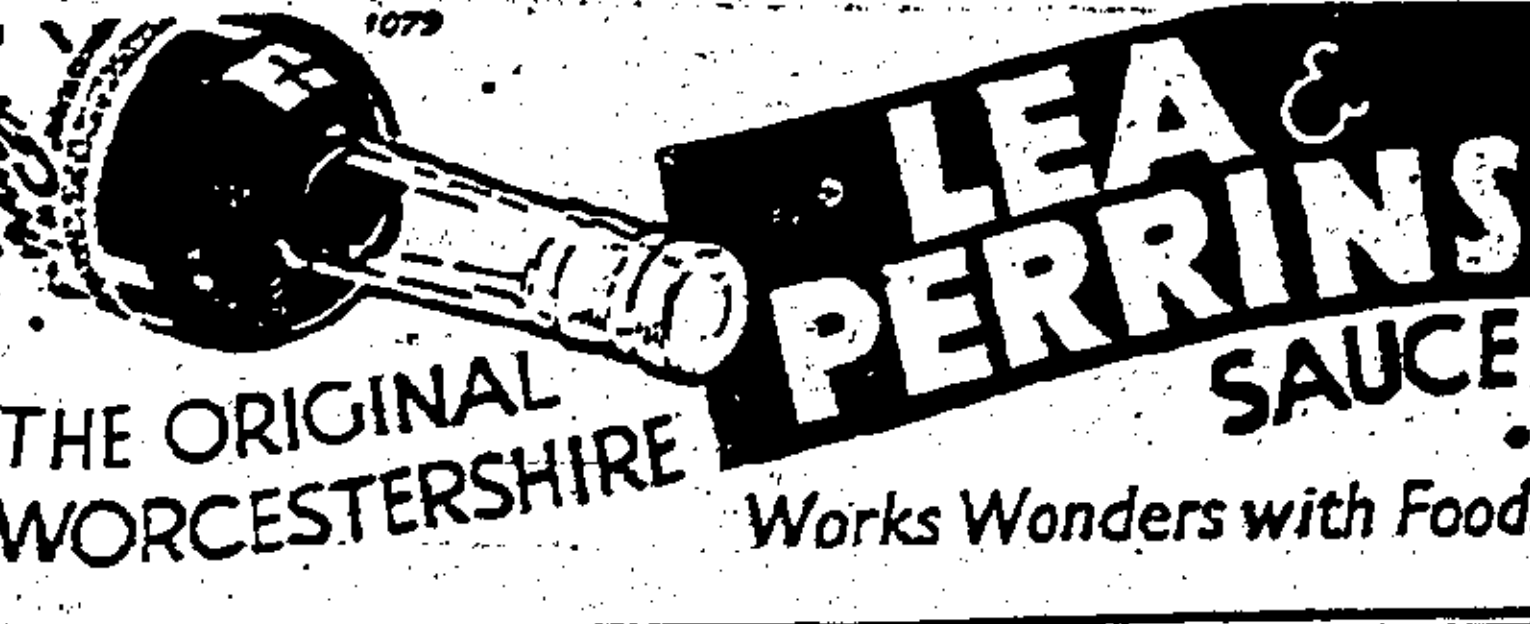
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